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Manchester United's Martin Buchan outheads Ipswich striker Paul Mariner.

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KENNY DALGLISH Liverpool,
STAN CUMMINS Boro,
BARRY DAINES Spurs



FULLY FIT HAMMER

SLIM-LINE West Ham striker Alan Taylor (above) is taking it easy this summer after a series of niggling injuries again halted his progress last season.

Says Alan: "I have been plagued by injuries for 18 months. Now I have had a complete rest and will be raring to prove myself next season. I'm fully fit again and can't wait to start pre-season training."

BOOMING CAMBRIDGE

TICKET sales are booming at Cambridge as promoted United prepare for their first ever season in the Second Division.

Says manager John Docherty: "With teams like West Ham, Charlton and Orient playing here for the first time the sale of season tickets is five times bigger than normal. We just can't wait to get cracking."

EIRE STAR FOR SPURS

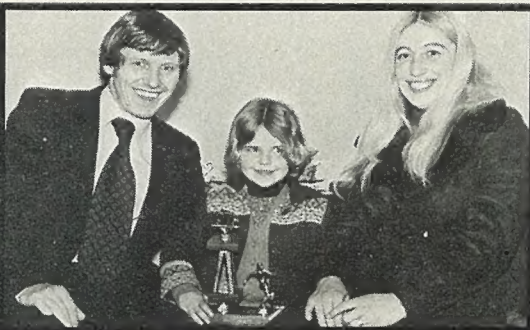
BOHEMIANS full-back Eamon Gregg may be the next League of Ireland player to join an English club.

Eamon had a great season being voted Player of the Month twice and winning inter-League and international caps.

He certainly impressed Spurs and a move to White Hart Lane is possible.

PHOTO FOR THE ALBUM...

CHESTERFIELD'S Player of the Year Colin Tarrt with wife Eileen and daughter Shelley.



CLYDEBANK are the first Scottish club to get back into business in preparation for next season. Relegated from the Premier Division it is their intention to waste no time in getting back into the top Division.

In contrast with the last three seasons when they were full-time, all 27 players signed will be part-timers.

The "warm-up" plans for The Bankies include four friendlies — two home games against Port Vale and Watford, and two away games against Inverness Clach and Nairn County.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

Hunter for Scotland

IPSWICH TOWN'S Northern Ireland pivot Allan Hunter could finish his top-class career in Scottish football, though it seems likely The Blues 1978 F.A. Cup Final hero may stay at Portman Road for quite a while yet.

You see, Co. Tyrone-born Allan, already the proud holder of English and Irish F.A. Cup medals, would like to complete a "treble" of British Cup wins by earning a Scottish Cup honour, a feat achieved, incidentally, by Scot Jimmy Delaney, with Manchester United, Derry City and Celtic, respectively.

WHY PLAYING FOR ENGLAND UPSET LAURIE CUNNINGHAM

LAURIE Cunningham, West Bromwich Albion's talented forward, was surprisingly over shadowed by the Midland club's other black star, Cyrille Regis, last season.

Cunningham is convinced in his own mind the reason was his selection for the England Under-21 team.

This surprising comment from Cunningham was made in a very serious vein as he attempted to analyse his sudden loss of form and his place in the Albion side.

The former Orient player, said: "At no time was I able to produce my best form in those matches.

"I feel the reason is I attempted to adopt different tactics in a relatively strange position. There was no way I would give my best in these kind of circumstances.

"It was obvious the general overall performance would not be as good as expected because everyone was playing for themselves.

"This was hardly surprising



Cunningham goes close for England Under-21 against Italy at Maine Road last term.

when everyone is told before any game if you give a good performance you will be in line for the full international side.

"The outcome is you never get the kind of service from your colleagues as you would in a club side. This explains why so many players, myself included, did not play up to our club form."

Cunningham feels the interna-

tional teams attempt to play to pattern irrespective of the strengths and weaknesses of the players in the side.

The young Albion player feels he is too restricted if he has to play within the guide lines set down by the team-manager.

He said: "The restrictions imposed while I was playing for England really upset my game."

Bingham Signing

MANSFIELD TOWN boss Billy Bingham has snapped up former Northern Ireland Youth cap John McClelland, from beaten Welsh Cup Finalists Bangor City. A 22-year-old central-defender, talented McClelland joined Cardiff City from Ulster side Portadown, a few seasons back, but didn't quite make the grade at Ninian Park.

Now, the promising Ulsterman has a second chance to make good in the Football League.

CHESTERFIELD paid Scunthorpe United £20,000 for striker Rick Green in February, 1977. Now, 15 months later, Chesterfield show a 100 per cent profit, having sold him to Notts County for £40,000.

Mike Yarwood, watch out...

you could have a rival in Nottingham Forest's young winger Steve Burke.

Burke, 17, is an outstanding impersonator — particularly of his Forest manager Brian Clough. You may have seen him doing his Clough "take-off" on ITV's World of Sport before the League Cup Final against Liverpool.

But he has plenty of others in his repertoire, including Blue Peter's former presenter John Noakes and fat TV detective Frank Cannon.

He did them all, to keep a freezing roadside audience amused, when the England Youth team were on their way home from this year's Little World Cup in Poland.

The coach got a puncture on the way to the airport and Burke got busy to break the boredom of a long wait while the wheel was changed.

Relaxed Howe

TOUGH-tackling Q.P.R. defender Ernie Howe has made the successful transition from Fulham reserves to First Division star in just four months.

The 24-year-old London-born defender found his first team chances limited at Craven Cottage by the form of John Lacy and jumped at the chance of joining West London rivals Rangers in December in an £80,000 transfer.

Howe admits: "There was a lot of pressure when I joined Rangers and it took six weeks before I really settled into the side. The pressure stayed on right to the end of the season because we were fighting to avoid relegation.

"Next term I shall feel a lot more relaxed and can really look forward to enjoying my football again because when you are battling against relegation the slightest mistake can be fatal."

TALENTED young Cork Alberts Eire youths and amateur international Jimmy Nodwell (right) turned down the chance of further honours at amateur and Under-21 level recently. He was chosen in the squads for both teams' recent internationals in Greece and Holland but preferred to stay at home to sit for examinations for the engineering degree he is pursuing.



BUZZING INGRAM

GODFREY INGRAM, the 18-year-old Luton inside-forward prospect, can be relied upon to buzz around. One of his top hobbies is radio controlled gliding. And young Godfrey helped sharpen himself up, too, by winning various track events while at school. A member of the England Youth team successful in the mini-World Cup, the Luton-born forward won district honours and also eight England schoolboy caps.

IT will cost more to watch F.A. Cup winners Ipswich Town play at Portman Road next season.

To stand on the terraces will mean paying £1.10, an extra 10 per cent, while senior citizens and boys will pay 60p.

Ipswich are also building 24 executive boxes for the new season. 22 have already been sold on a three-year lease at £5,000 a year. The remaining two boxes will be kept by the club for their own use.

BE WARNED!

SPARE a thought for Southport striker Phil Ashworth. The Burnley-born striker has just been forced out of the Football League for the second successive year.

Ashworth, who has also played for Blackburn and Bournemouth, was with Workington last season when they lost their League status in favour of Wimbledon.

He was snapped up by Southport and at one stage scored in seven successive games for the Lancashire club. Then came news of Southport's exit from the League to make way for Wigan.

Perhaps there's a warning for the club that next signs him!

THAT other Ally MacLeod, the Hibs striker, was top marksman in the Easter Road club's close-season tour of Canada. Hibs won five games, drew two and Ally netted 16 goals.

Sympathy

MIDDLESBROUGH have kicked into touch a proposed joint testimonial match for former stars Wilf Mannion (right) and George Hardwick.

Chairman Charles Amer says, "We had sympathy with the idea. Yet the whole thing could snowball and, also, affect testimonials for our present players."



SOCCER IN THE STATES

A Defensive Role for Ossie

ALTHOUGH Peter Osgood has signed on with Philadelphia Fury for three years, the terms of his contract allow him or the club to back out at the end of the first year.

From what he's seen so far, tax exile Ossie is pretty certain he'll want to play out the whole three years.

The former England star, who joined the Furies from Southampton, says: "The standard here isn't quite as high as I imagined but it's improving all the time."

"Philadelphia are a new club and I'm sure the owners don't expect miracles the first season. Even so, we're improving steadily."

The club is owned by rock superstars Peter Frampton, Paul Simon, Mick Jagger and Rick Wakeman and Osgood notes: "They've all been highly successful in their own field and I'm sure they aim to be just as successful in this venture."

Osgood has missed five games because of an ankle injury and had scored just one goal after the first dozen games. But Fury think they're getting performances that make him worth his £50,000 a year.

It's that enormous wage packet, free of punitive British tax, that makes it

Osgood (centre) in action for Fury against Los Angeles Aztecs.



unlikely Osgood will ever play in England again, even though Southampton wanted him back to play in the First Division.

"It would be great to finish my career in the First Division and if it wasn't for the tax, I'd be back tomorrow. But I'm 31 now and in the years I've got left, I've got to earn as much as I can."

Since he's been in the States, Osgood has already made another important decision about his future on the field. He's planning to become a defender.

"I've made up my mind I'm going to have two more years up-front and then I'm going sweeping. It's a lot easier back there and I reckon I could have maybe four years at it before I finish."

Ossie's former Saints team-mate Alan Ball is also in the Furies side, along with former Leeds and West Brom star Johnny Giles. Those two give the East Coast club one of the best midfields in the States.

Ball, who recently took over as player-manager of the club from Richard Dinnis, will return to Southampton at the end of the summer, and Giles will go back to his side in Ireland. But Osgood will stay on for a session of coaching clinics, a part of the job he really enjoys.

Boss for a Spell

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LESS than a month after joining Los Angeles Aztecs, Tommy Smith has found himself in the managerial hot-seat. He has been appointed head coach following the sacking of Terry Fisher. But for the time being, he's taking it only on a temporary basis.

He says: "I'm not going to put my head on the chopping block because other players haven't been giving everything to the game."

"I want 100 per cent effort from everybody. I have a couple of players I'd like to sign, too, but it's getting late in the season."

Smith, 33 says: "I want to be as successful as a coach as I have been as a player." He's not thinking of hanging up his boots just yet, though. He reckons he's going on for another couple of years for Liverpool and L.A.

AMERICAN soccer is getting more like the English League every day. Another club who decided to sack their manager because of poor results are Oakland Stompers.

They gave the order of the boot to Mirko Stajanovic and have now appointed Ken Bracowell.

Announcing the appointment, general-manager Dick Berg said: "We may well have found the right man to serve in our organisation for the next ten years."

Where have we heard that before?

Soccer Marriage

AMERICAN fans aren't known for the kind of passionate interest that drives supporters on Merseyside to dye their hair red and white or name an offspring after the whole Liverpool team. But a Fort Lauderdale supporter is arranging to get married on the pitch during the half-time interval of a match. His fiancée apparently isn't crazy about sharing her wedding vows with a few thousand soccer fans, but he insists nowhere else will do.

GEORGE BEST is having trouble with the soccer authorities again. After being sent-off against Colorado, he expected to serve a one match ban, the usual penalty for a dismissal.

But the NASL stepped in and decided to hand down a two match ban because it was the second successive game the Irishman had got the red card. He's now left Aztecs for Fort Lauderdale, of course.



LEAGUE TABLES

(up to and including 14th June)

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pts	GA
Cosmos.....	12	2	102	43 14
Washington.....	8	8	72	26 21
Rochester.....	7	9	64	22 28
Toronto.....	5	9	47	18 23

Central Division

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota.....	10	4	87	27	20
Dallas.....	8	8	73	26	25
Tulsa.....	8	7	70	23	20
Colorado.....	5	11	47	18	29

Western Division

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
Portland.....	12	4	99	28	19
Vancouver.....	11	5	91	26	18
Seattle.....	7	10	66	24	26
Los Angeles.....	7	9	64	23	24

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
New England.....	9	5	75	23	13
Fort Lauderdale.....	8	8	71	23	33
Tampa Bay.....	7	8	65	25	23
Philadelphia.....	6	9	56	20	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit.....	9	6	76	22	15
Houston.....	7	8	62	21	22
Memphis.....	4	11	43	19	27
Chicago.....	2	13	27	15	32

Western Division

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego.....	11	5	94	32	26
California.....	8	8	65	19	22
Oakland.....	8	7	64	16	21
San Jose.....	5	10	49	20	26

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Apollo.....	7	1	0	52	20	9
Cleveland.....	4	3	0	29	9	10
Indianapolis.....	3	7	1	28	11	18
New Jersey.....	3	4	0	22	7	12
NY Eagles.....	2	4	2	21	7	11
Connecticut.....	2	6	0	19	9	11

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles.....	8	4	0	57	17	14
California.....	5	3	2	46	19	14
S. California.....	5	5	1	42	15	12
Sacramento.....	2	4	0	15	6	9

MARK LINDSAY, once of Crystal Palace and now one of the stars of Houston Hurricane, will miss the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

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THERE was a Bristol reunion in Portland the other week when City boss Alan Dicks took his side to play the Timbers, managed by former Rovers manager Don Megson.

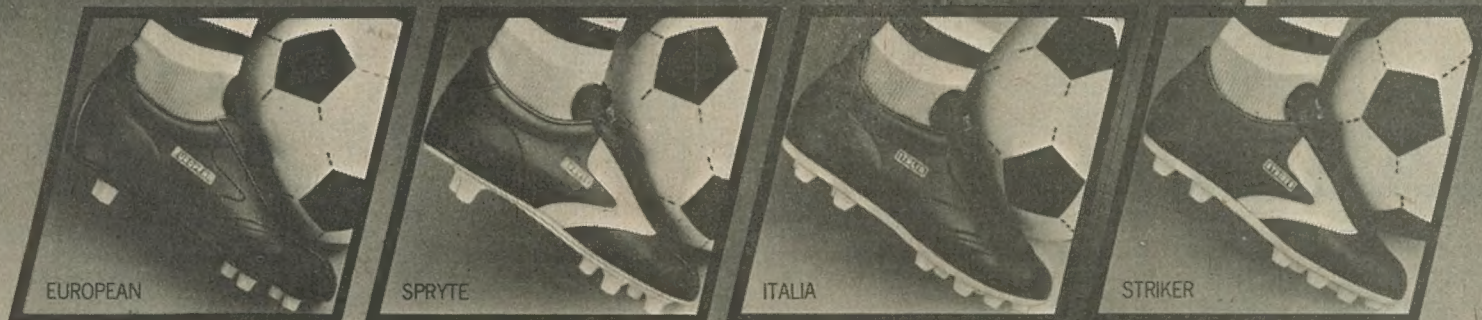
Poor Don, whose side always had to play second fiddle in Bristol, was on the receiving end again. City won 1-0.

Still, Dicks was good enough to loan Megson defender Brian McNeil for the season.

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WHOD BE a soccer manager? No one in their right mind, is the obvious answer, after witnessing the nightmare Ally MacLeod, as Scotland's boss, lived through recently.

He was virtually a Saint in the eyes of many Scottish fans before the squad left for Argentina, having led his country to a place in the World Cup Finals. You got the impression he could have stepped off at Lands' End and walked across the Atlantic to South America.

Then suddenly, almost overnight, Saint Ally was labelled a sinner as Scotland's hopes crashed around them. Which only goes to show that in modern-day soccer, with all its pressures, whether it be at international or club level, the boss's lot is a pretty precarious one, to say the least.

The thirst for success from officials, supporters and players is unyielding. The fact there's only room for pitifully few at the top at any given time doesn't seem to matter.

Everyone wants success. And if it doesn't come, then the manager's head is more often than not the first to roll.

Yet despite all that, there seems no shortage of applicants wanting to step up and try their luck.

For instance, Martin Peters of Norwich and John Hollins, Queens Park Rangers, two very experienced professionals now in their 30's — and still playing vital roles

CAPTAINS TODAY- MANAGERS TOMORROW?

as skippers of their respective clubs, let it be said — make no secret of the fact they'd love to become a "gaffer" when the time and opportunity is right.

The fact that former team-mates of both players, Frank McLintock and Alan Mullery, each suffered disappointments last season, in their own, newly-chosen careers as managers, doesn't seem to worry them.

Mullery and Peters played together at Tottenham, of course. And although gaining promotion to the Third Division in 1976-77, his first season with Brighton, Mullery missed out on the biggest prize of all last term, when his side were pipped on the post for a place in Division One. And that, after a season where they had hardly put a foot wrong.

McLintock, on the other hand, who partnered Hollins at Q.P.R., couldn't seem to put a foot right in his very first managerial charge at Leicester.

They started badly, and never recovered. And quite frankly, it was no surprise when manager and club parted company just prior to the end of 1977-78.

Seemingly undeterred by all that, Peters says adamantly: "I realise it's not the easiest or most secure profession in the world. But, as far as I'm concerned, it's a natural instinct to want to go on earning my living from the game.

"I'm entirely captivated by it. I always have been, and I desperately want to stay involved with soccer."

Then he adds with confidence: "Being a soccer manager is one thing I believe I could do better than anything else."

At 34, Martin has a positive welter of domestic, European and international experience behind him, and he's certain he can put that to good use.

"After a career like mine, I'm sure there are plenty of things I could pass on to youngsters coming through. Things that would help them in their soccer education.

"I know I've been grateful for the tips I've picked up from the four managers I've

served under, Ron Greenwood, Bill Nicholson, Sir Alf Ramsey and John Bond."

Men of contrasting characters, but each one having something different to offer.

Martin, in fact, has already applied for one managerial vacancy, when the Orient job was on offer last season. But, of course, he was pipped for that one by Jimmy Bloomfield.

He wasn't too disheartened, though.

"At least by applying, I let people know I was serious about wanting to be a manager," he said.

In that respect, John Hollins hasn't actually gone as far as Peters. But he's in no doubt whatsoever he'll definitely put his name forward when the time is right.

"At the moment I'm going to concentrate entirely on next season with Rangers," he says. "I believe I was performing as well as ever last term. The battle against relegation really gave me something to get my teeth into, and I regained all my old zest for the game. I want to go on playing just as long as I can, because I believe a footballer's life is tremendous.

"Soccer has been so good to me over the years, and given me so much in life, it'd be like stealing if, when I do eventually hang up my playing boots, I didn't try to put something back into the game," he goes on.

"I'm well aware of how tough management can be. Players talk of pressure, but it's nothing to what a manager has to go through. I have only to look at my own boss, Frank Sibley, and the headache he suffered last season, to find that out.

"Footballers, generally speaking, have it easy. Everything is done for them. Training routines, tactics, travelling facilities, they are all worked out by others. All the players have to do is turn up — turn out.

"It's a manager's job to make those kind of things run smoothly. That's a heck of a responsibility in itself, on top of trying to get the right kind of results on the field.

"I'd like to think during my career I've been a good organiser and motivator. That's why I've been privileged enough to be made skipper at both my clubs, first Chelsea and now Rangers.

And I'm convinced both those qualities will help me in management.

"When I first went to Chelsea, the youth coach was a man called Dick Fuss. As well as myself, he had other youngsters to work with, like Terry Venables, Barry Bridges and Ron Harris. We all had tremendous respect for Dick.

"The way he got us working, nudging rather than knocking us into shape, was a treat to watch. I know Dick loved every minute of his work, and was thrilled to bits when 'his lads' went on to make it big in the game.

"That's just the kind of thing I'd like to achieve, too, from the manager's chair."

Over the years as players, both Peters and Hollins have earned tremendous respect in the game. That alone, of course, isn't enough to guarantee success as a soccer boss. But it's most certainly a help. And in the managerial stakes — every little counts.



'I want to go on earning my living from the game' —
MARTIN PETERS
(NORWICH CITY)



'I've been a good organiser and motivator,' —
JOHN HOLLINS
(Q.P.R.)

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from David Russell of Frimley, Surrey, who wins our special prize of £3. He writes:

ARGENTINA —THE PERFECT HOSTS

I DON'T think anyone can complain at Argentina being the venue for the 1978 World Cup Finals.

I regularly go to Wembley to see Cup Finals and England internationals, but I can honestly say there cannot be anywhere in the world where supporters generate so much passion than in those stadiums in the Argentine.

The fans there were magnificent in cheering on their country.

Surely all the talk about trouble from terrorists must be discounted because the country were worthy hosts.

I was also pleased to see Kempes and Co. go all the way and beat Holland in the Final.

● Despite all the gloomy reports about unfinished stadiums and the threat of terrorist activity, Argentina put on a superb show, particularly in the later stages. My mouth is already watering at the prospect of enjoying the Finals again in 1982 in sunny Spain.

Kind gesture

RECENTLY my cousin, who is a keen Bradford City supporter, visited us from Canada.

During his stay we visited Valley Parade hoping to have a look around. Fortunately we met the general-manager, Bryan Edwards, and despite the fact he was busy, he took time off to give us a conducted tour.

Later, we met team-manager, John Napier, and talked at length with him about the game.

This kind gesture by Messrs Edwards and Napier was greatly appreciated by us.

NEIL EMERY,
BRADFORD.

● You hear so many reports about the bad side of football, so it's a nice change to hear something good about our game.

Pen-Pal

I AM a 13-year-old Swedish boy and I want to correspond with a boy in England (London) of the same age who supports Queens Park Rangers.

JOAKIM HALABY,
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SWEDEN.

SHOOT on target

I WAS most impressed while looking at some back issues of SHOOT recently.

One prediction was 'THE BACKGROUND BOYS WHO COULD PUT IPSWICH IN FRONT'. That headline was about Town's midfield star Roger Osborne. And look what he did when they met Arsenal in last term's F.A. Cup Final. He scored the only and winning goal for Bobby Robson's men.

Another such heading was 'THE MIDLANDS ARE HEADING FOR A SOCCER BOOM'. That was an understatement as first Forest clinched the League title and West Brom, Birmingham and Coventry City showing a marked improvement.

Keep up the good predictions.

ANDREW CONDE,
NR. WREXHAM.

● Perhaps the reason why SHOOT is Britain's top football magazine?

Tunisia not disgraced

HOW is SHOOT's Chris Davies feeling? After commenting on Tunisia's World Cup chances, days after watching them qualify, he must be sick.

He said: 'Tunisia will be the whipping boys of the 1978 World Cup Finals. Zaire, Africa's representatives four years ago, conceded 14 goals in three games and judging by what I saw in Tunis, Tunisia won't do much better.'

It's history now the gallant Tunisians beat Mexico 3-1, unluckily lost 1-0 to Poland and held the then World Champions, West Germany, to a 0-0 draw.

Mr. Davies, you were way out there.

BRIAN LEWIS,
WIDNES.

● It just goes to show how unpredictable football can be.

World Cup guest writers

IT made a pleasant change to read the article by Geoffrey Green of The Times on the World Cup. I for one would be very pleased to see more of these guest writers. It was refreshing to read someone with so much experience of past World Cup Finals.

DAVID MASSON,
COVENTRY.

● We do our best to get the best, David.

ANDY
GRAY
writes for you



CONSIDERING I was plagued by silly, niggling injuries last season, I was happy with my tally of 20 goals, which worked out at an average of under a goal every other game.

A striker needs a decent run of matches to get into his stride, but I found myself playing in fits and starts... invariably coming back after a strain or what have you.

Naturally, next season I'll be hoping to emulate Bob Latchford's 30 goals and if I stay free of injuries, I'm confident I can achieve this. If I do, then I hope Ally MacLeod will take note and perhaps give me a chance for Scotland.

Anyway, as goals are really what football is all about, this week I'd like to give you a run-down of my Top Twenty for 1977/78.

GOAL NO. 1... came against Everton in Villa's third, but my second game of the season. Brian Little crossed from the right and I lost my marker, Mark Higgins, to send a right-foot volley past the goalkeeper. Unfortunately, we lost 1-2, although from my point of view I was happy to open my account so soon.

GOALS NOS. 2, 3 and 4... were a "classic" hat-trick against Exeter in the League Cup; one with my head and either foot. I believe this is the only occasion I've managed the "perfect" hat-trick in professional soccer.

GOAL NO. 5... came in the U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Fenerbahce at Villa park. Alex Cropley chipped the ball to the near post



"Celebration time after I had scored against Liverpool at Anfield."



and from about eight yards I volleyed home with my left foot.

GOAL NO. 6 . . . was five games later, as I dropped out through injury after the Fenerbahce tie. It was at Leeds and there was a mix-up 30 yards out. I intercepted a bad pass, ran for goal and whacked the ball through the 'keeper's legs.

GOAL NO. 7 . . . was three days later at Leicester and in terms of build-up was probably the best of the season. After a good move from the back, Dennis Mortimer curled the ball over to me and I flicked the ball over Mark Wallington. As so many Villa players were involved in this goal, it was even more rewarding.

Blockbuster

GOAL NO. 8 . . . was at home to Norwich the following week and there was a bit of luck about this one. After a corner, the ball went to John Gidman who, 40 yards out, decided to try a blockbuster. Giddy miskicked and his shot ended up as a "superb" pass to me and I applied the finishing touch. Needless to say, John claims it was an inch-perfect pass!

GOAL NO. 9 . . . was also a little fortunate. A cross came over from the right at Upton Park, John Deehan tried a header and Mervyn Day dropped the ball for me to make no mistake from close-range.

GOAL NO. 10 . . . was a penalty — our only one of the season. In 42 League games, Villa weren't

awarded one spot-kick — our only penalty was in the League Cup against Q.P.R. I reckon we should have had six or seven penalties, which may have made a significant difference to our League position. Maybe we'll get a few breaks next time round.

GOAL NO. 11 . . . came three days later when Manchester United visited Villa Park. A cross from the left was touched on by Brian Little to the far post and I squeezed in between Alex Stepney and Martin Buchan for a "typical Gray goal"!

GOAL NO. 12 . . . was very important. It was in Poland against Gornik in the U.E.F.A. Cup and we were 0-1 down at the time, leading 2-1 on aggregate, but up against it as Gornik powered forward. Frank Carrodus made a great run and centred to the near post. I climbed above my marker to head home.

GOALS NO. 13 AND 14 . . . were ones to savour as they were at Anfield, and few opponents score twice at Liverpool. The first came when Frank Carrodus got up well to a header and Ray Clemence could only push his effort on to the post. It's just possible the ball may have trickled over the line anyway, but I'm paid to make sure in such situations and I scrambled it in. My second was the result of a mix-up by Joey Jones, who slipped . . . the ball came to me, I chested it down and shot right-footed past my fellow SHOOT columnist.

GOAL NO. 15 . . . was seven games later and after scoring in eight of the nine games before the

half-volley and the ball screamed in the back of the net. I didn't really expect to score . . . shooting was simply a natural reaction, but thankfully it came off. Actually, I scored quite a few goals with my right peg last season — perhaps it's not as bad as I imagine!

GOAL NO. 17 . . . was my first of 1978 and it came in the F.A. Cup-tie against Everton at Goodison Park. Ken McNaught, playing against his old club, touched the ball on to me and — yes — my "trusty" right foot did the rest. Even so, we lost 4-1 and in the next game, also at Goodison, in the League, I damaged the ligaments in my left knee and was sidelined for a few weeks.

GOAL NO. 18 . . . was two months later in my return game, against Coventry City at Highfield Road. Even if I say it myself, it was a superb goal and is definitely top of my Top 20. Giddy hit a marvellous pass into the Coventry penalty-area and I got behind big Jim Holton to fling myself at the ball and head past Jim Blyth. Not only was this a most satisfying goal, it was good to get back on the goal-trail so quickly after such a long lay-off. It was just the boost I needed.

GOAL NO. 19 . . . was, if you like, another typical A.G. goal. It came at home to Newcastle United and Dennis Mortimer ran down the left and sent over a centre — I jumped higher than a United defender and headed home.

GOAL NO. 20 . . . was against F.A. Cup winners Ipswich Town at Villa Park. Brian Little made the goal and I climbed above Mick Mills to

"On the mark to score goal number 18 against Coventry."



Anfield game, it was disappointing to hit a goal-less patch. The match against West Brom was an ill-tempered one as Alex Cropley had been carried off with a broken leg. A few minutes after this incident, we were awarded a free-kick which John Gidman took. Giddy's kick was deadly accurate and I got down low to send a glancing header into the West Brom net.

GOAL NO. 16 . . . was my Christmas present I suppose. It was at Derby County's Baseball Ground on December 27th and David Nish tried a back-pass that was never "on". I intercepted, only to see my first shot blocked by the goalkeeper. The ball came back to my weaker right foot at a very narrow angle. I shot instinctively on the

make it goal number 20.

After scoring 29 goals the previous season, I had hoped to better that total during 1977/78, yet because of injuries I never really had the chance.

Well done Bob Latchford! But watch out next season because I'll be after that golden 30-goal target! Join me again in two weeks,

Andy Gray

Four managers on their particular club's showing last season, and the outlook for 1978-79

WHAT WENT WRONG-

WE WERE successful as a club in that we were always in contention. We were in the top bracket in the League for most of the season and reached the Semi-Finals of the League Cup. We were disappointed we lost one step from Wembley for the second year running.

We had problems. The disruption of losing coach Don Howe and then the transfer business of Jordan and McQueen. We also had injuries and had to make several changes within our team.

We still need a couple of players to reach the full strength squad I'd like to see at Elland Road. But it's getting harder and harder to find the right sort of players. They are just not around anymore.

I feel it took us some time to adapt to all the changes. But after we had settled down, we began to show what we were capable of.

Generally, I feel it was a fairly good season for football. A lot depends on the success of the international side and we have certainly improved in that respect recently. The success Liverpool had in Europe also helps our football in general. And last season a lot of competitions were not settled until the very last moment which stimulates interest.

The best team was undoubtedly Nottingham Forest because of their consistency. They have a manager who knows his job and they were lucky they didn't have too many injuries; they were able to keep the same team virtually for week after week.

'HARD TO FIND THE RIGHT SORT OF PLAYERS'

JIMMY ARMFIELD
(Leeds United)



What worries me still in the game is the hooliganism problem. It's a bad thing for football but I don't accept it just as a football problem — it's a problem of society. However, I feel we have to get it out of our game if it is really to prosper as we would all like. It's still a huge worry.

Leeds' Eddie Gray attempts a header during their League Cup Semi-Final clash with Nottingham Forest.



'ROTTEN LUCK IN THE CUPS'

TONY BOOK (Man. City)



Manchester City (dark shorts) pulverised Arsenal in the League Cup but could not beat them.

WHAT WE hoped to do at the start of last season and what we ended up doing, was very different. From that angle, it was a disappointing one for us at Maine Road. But I feel to win the First Division Championship you need a squad of 17 or 18 players all playing to the peak of their ability over the long season. Sadly, that didn't happen.

Several of our top players admit they fell short. And we also had a smaller squad because we lost — for a variety of reasons — Tueart, Royle and Conway. That meant young kids had to come in and I don't think you expect to win the

title with inexperienced players.

We had high hopes obviously for the League after just missing it the previous season. But it wasn't to be. And in the Cup, we had some rotten luck. We had to go to Leeds in the F.A. Cup and incredibly won there first time. Our reward for that was an away match to Nottingham Forest which we lost.

In the League Cup, we murdered Arsenal at our place, but couldn't get past Pat Jennings and they sneaked home at Highbury in the replay.

Gaining a place in Europe next season through our high League position, was satisfying. But of course I'm disappointed at not winning something. Will we do it

next season? Who knows yet. But we have some high quality players at Maine Road and the kids are improving all the time, even though they're still learning their trade.

Football generally has benefited enormously from the emergence of Nottingham Forest last season. Tony Woodcock, for example, can go on to become a world class player. But I'm still worried by the hooligans.

I don't think we are any nearer solving the problem, but we must get to grips with it quickly. It is football's biggest headache at present.

WHAT WENT RIGHT and next season's prospects

IN 1976-77, we almost went down — and yet last time we finished the season as the second leading goalscorers in the First. So in comparison, I'm delighted with the 1977-78 term we had at Highfield Road. To make the progress we made was tremendously satisfying.

The great thing is we can get much better because the majority of our players have still got time on their side. The big difference this year is players have developed and grown up. We also changed the style because we had players who allowed us to attack more. And when we have gone at teams in matches, it has worked well.

The thing is now we must make the transition next season from doing well to winning something — and that is very hard to do.

Generally, I think 1977-78 was good for football. People might forget there was a crisis with the international side, but we've recovered pretty well. I'm a little concerned there don't seem to be as many quality players around in our football as in the past. But against that, the standard of open, attacking football in the First Division has been the best for some years. Sides are becoming more adventurous — a good sign for the future. It has been some of the best football to watch, for years.

The biggest worry is the tre-

'SIDES ARE MORE ADVENTUROUS'

GORDON MILNE
(Coventry City)



mendous appetite young fans have for following the game may be eroded by the hooligan problem. I can see a situation developing if we're not careful where we may not be able to pay the high wages players demand because crowds are dwindling through the fear of hooliganism. The thought of getting involved in trouble is keeping people away from football matches. And that's a big worry.



'WE COULD WIN SOMETHING NEXT YEAR'

JOHN BOND (Norwich C)

There are no real stars in our side — we have done well with teamwork and players doing a lot of hard work. But I have to mention Martin Peters who had an outstanding season. We wouldn't be a quarter of the side we are without him and although that may be a slight exaggeration, it's an indication of how well he does for us.

Next season is a new challenge but if we approach it as well as we did last term, I can see no reason why we should not do as well.

Football, in general, makes me much happier now than it did. I believe if Ron Greenwood is allowed to do his own thing for England, we will see something really happening to change English football and put us back near the top. It was evident against Brazil and Hungary at Wembley.

There will be a new, brighter outlook towards the game, spreading down from the England



Ray Graydon on the mark for Coventry during their 5-1 thrashing of Chelsea in January.



WE FELL away in the last stage of the season, but overall we had a very good term. People have told me we did magnificently in 1977-78 and I know how pleased I and the players are to hear that said.

It is difficult enough to stay in the First Division when you're a fairly small club like us, let alone win things. But I shall be looking towards winning something next season because we've proved we can not only survive in Division One but also do well in it.

Dave Watson slides in to tackle Hungary's Fazekas in the friendly at Wembley. England won 4-1.

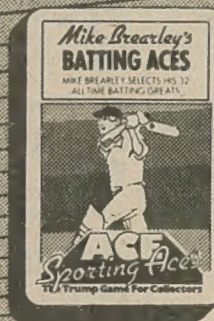
side throughout League football. But I am sometimes still worried by players who are not completely committed to the game. And managers and coaches who don't put enough emphasis on technique and skill as against physical endeavours, still concern me.

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THEN: A 'Problem Player' at Spurs NOW: A Big Star with Liverpool and Scotland

FOR BILL Nicholson the emergence of Graeme Souness as the one real success story of the abortive Scottish World Cup expedition was no real surprise.

Nicholson had quite confidently predicted before the mis-guided Scottish raid on Argentina Souness was his first choice amidst a wealth of midfield players labelled "world class" before they kicked a World Cup ball.

There is little doubt, either, Souness can establish himself as one of Liverpool's greatest assets despite his £352,000 price tag when he signed from Middlesbrough.

But it was at White Hart Lane Souness had his soccer education, and it was as tempestuous and controversial as his World Cup exploits.

It was at White Hart Lane as a fresh-faced teenager he gave Nicholson an indication of the temperament that is so important to the midfield specialist's make-up.

Nicholson has watched Souness mature into one of the finest ball playing schemers in the country, with enormous pride he had the first managerial hand to launch a career that is ready for Cape Kennedy.

Nicholson has noticed a fundamental change in Souness' attitude towards the game since he departed from Spurs, as the now chief advisor to manager Keith Burkinshaw explains:

"Graeme has a spiteful streak which makes him an aggressive type of player to couple with his tremendous skills and abilities.

"Such a spiteful streak, provided it's kept within the laws of the game and under control, is a valuable asset the lad has added to his game. It's given him a new dimension."

It's totally inaccurate that the ex-Spurs boss, who masterminded the first 'Double' success this century, made the error of giving away the young Scot for a knock down £30,000 to Middlesbrough.

Nicholson, one of the shrewdest judges of soccer thoroughbreds of all time, recognised the special Souness qualities and tried every trick in the book to keep the player contented at Tottenham.

Nicholson recalls: "Here was a young lad who could show some of my experienced international players new techniques in control. At pre-season training Souness stuck out like a sore thumb with his brilliant touch play.

"Even in those days he had a venomous shot and could tear a defence apart with his accurate passing.

"He virtually won us the F.A. Youth Cup in 1970 and was particularly outstanding in the series of games against Coventry before we finally won it."

Nicholson, however, had a handful of problems with him.

"He wanted to be in the first



HOW GRAEME SOUNESS CAME GOOD

team right away. It was a dilemma. We had a club packed with top players. He had to be patient and wait his turn. He simply couldn't wait."

Finally Nicholson gave up and sold him to Middlesbrough. "There Jackie Charlton sorted him out. He took him down a peg or two and let him stew in his own juice. It worked, and the lad came good."

Once again Souness demonstrated the identical impatience that drew him away from Spurs, and he made it crystal clear Charlton's successor, John Neal from Wrexham, would have to sell or keep a player who no longer wanted to play for the team.

Finally on January 10th this year Souness became one of the Liverpool elite. He had got his wish to reach the top. Within a matter of weeks he was winning a European Cup winner's medal at Wembley, and heading for the World Cup Finals in Argentina in Ally MacLeod's squad.

"Arrogance," says Nicholson,

"that's what Souness has. And I suppose all the truly great players possess that in their make-up. I certainly don't blame the lad for wanting what he has got."

Nicholson created some of the most successful and entertaining sides in his 16 years of management at Tottenham. Equally he built a reputation for being somewhat resistant to indulge his players with superlatives.

Praise came hard to perfectionist Nicholson. So, when he is forthcoming with lashings of good adjectives to describe the 24-year-old Scot, it's really worth listening to.

"Graeme Souness is big and strong. He lacked a little pace when he was with me at Spurs, but he's grown up somewhat and he's developed into a tremendous player.

"He plays the game at his own pace. He dictates and controls. Yet he can snap in at players. That is what you want from a midfield player.

"He's an expert passer of the ball, although at times he tries to be over elaborate and wants to thread the ball through a needle.

"Graeme also possesses a mighty shot. He can really thump a ball. He is particularly effective on the half-volley and volley."

As for Souness he has always admitted he was to blame for the break with Tottenham as he explains: "At Spurs I got very frustrated. And when I arrived at Middlesbrough I didn't change. I was lazy and I knew it."

Stan Anderson was the man who actually purchased Souness for Middlesbrough. But the arrival

of Jackie Charlton was the moment the career of Souness dramatically turned, as Nicholson rightly pointed out.

Souness says: "It's all down to Jack and his former coach Ian MacFarlane, I owe everything to them. They sorted me out and gave me the chance to develop.

"Jack took me to one side and had a chat. He told me to pull my socks up and, more important, gave me a chance as well. I had to make a big adjustment but I was so grateful for the chance I responded and things just got better and better."

Souness had one drawback. Pace. But he concedes: "I tried to work at it and maybe quickened up a little. But I realised it wouldn't make much difference. My consolation is a lot of really great players were slower than me and there are some who can catch pigeons and can't play at all. I've got to make the best of my other qualities."

Then again Souness would never have been in the position where he was pictured with one arm around the European Cup and the other arm around Miss World.

It's only the best from now on for Graeme Souness.



From White Hart Lane, the Scot joined Middlesbrough and Jack Charlton was responsible for developing his skills.

STAN CUMMINS
Middlesbrough



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Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish wins a race for the ball with Chelsea's Steve Wicks.



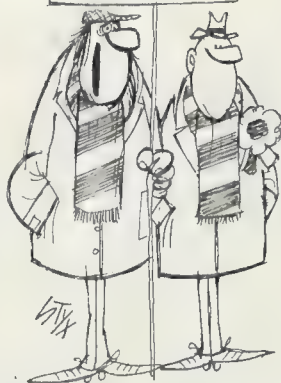
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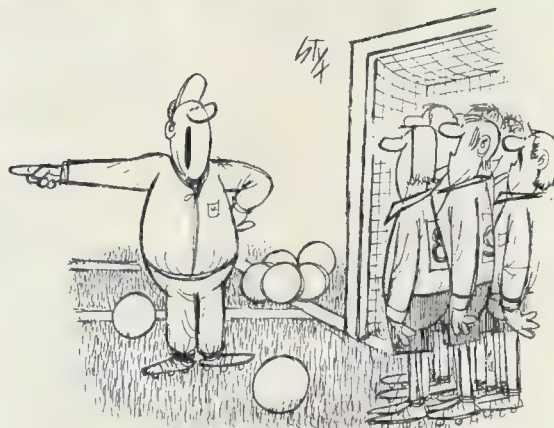


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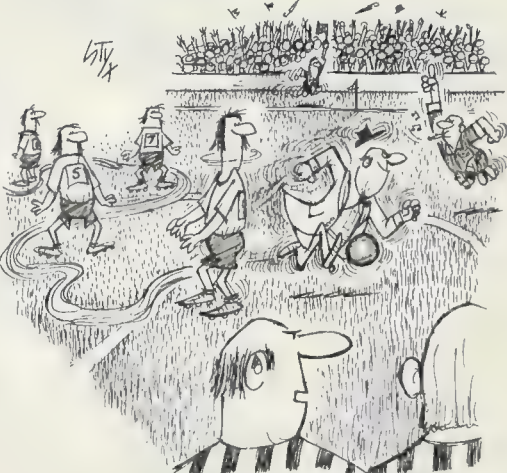
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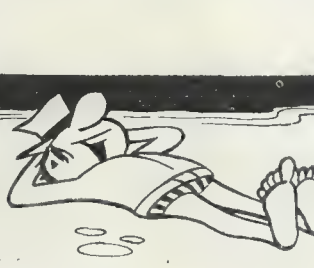
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A BIT OF LUCK AND HE'LL BE ASLEEP WHEN THE TIDE COMES IN!



UNTIL last October the footballing career of Mark Aizlewood, Luton Town's £50,000 signing from Newport, looked to be heading nowhere.

For eighteen months the talented defender was playing in the Welsh League and his only honour — one that he cherishes — was to captain the Welsh Youth team.

So how did it all happen? "By accident," says Mark. "I'd just returned from a trip to Iceland with Wales and I was made sub for Newport's match at Northampton.

my new club because the League stopped me. I was chosen to play against Burnley and Stoke, but those matches could have had a bearing on promotion and relegation.

"I played in a friendly for the first team at Cambridge in the Cambridgeshire Cup Final and I played about four or five games in the Football Combination.

"The lads tell me it's unbelievable to play at Kenilworth Road. It's such a small ground and with it being all closed in the atmosphere is like Wembley.

MARK AIZLEWOOD- 'GOING NOWHERE' Then a leap from the Fourth to the Second Division

"In the opening two minutes Ronnie Jones, our central defender, came off injured. I just went straight on for him. I'd never played in that position before in my life. I had a stroke of luck and since then I held my place in the first team."

Mark, 18, began to attract the attention of several other clubs, but it was Luton boss, David Pleat, who came in with a firm offer.

"There was talk of Southampton watching me," he says, "but I didn't take any notice. After all, I'd only been a regular for about twenty matches.

"Then we played at Newport just before the deadline and I was told before the game that someone had come to look at me. Again, I didn't really bother about it.

"I went home after the match and Newport manager, Colin Addison sent for me. He told me that Luton had offered a certain sum for me, but as the club were still involved in the promotion race, he wasn't prepared to let me go.

"Colin said he would give them first refusal and, when Newport's challenge began to fade, Luton came back. The Welsh club turned down the first offer, then Luton returned with another bid and Newport accepted it.

"David Pleat told me he was seeking young players and he was looking to me being a Second Division regular for next season. He asked me how I felt about joining the Kenilworth Road club. I said, I was happy to go there."

What were Mark's first impressions of Luton? "I found it much the same as at Newport. It's a big club in some ways, but a little club in others. It's nice and friendly. They look after their players and everybody seems to strike a happy medium.

"The people at Luton have made me feel at home and they've been great to me since I arrived. I was just settling in when it was time to return home for the Summer.

"I haven't played any games for



"Do I have any regrets at leaving Newport? It's my home town. I was brought up there and everybody treated me fine. I've left with many happy memories, but if you want to progress in the game and it means moving, then you've simply got to move.

"I supported Newport as a lad — used to go all over the country with them because my brother Steve played for them. He went to Swindon about three seasons ago for £15,000 and was the previous record sale from Newport.

"He helped me a lot with many matters last term. My late father encouraged me in my younger days and Colin Addison was a big influence.

"I'm a six-footer and the papers in Newport say I possess exceptional skill for my height. My strengths are on the ground; I can't head a ball to save my life. I'm a sweeper. I play behind the big fellow. It's not my game to go knocking people about. I'm a footballer, not a buster.

"I've played football ever since I was a nipper. It's something I always wanted to do, and now I'm in the game professionally and making a good living at it, well, nobody could be more pleased than I am."

"UNBELIEVABLE! Incredible!" Those were the words used by Bolton's super 'keeper, Jim McDonagh, as he described that jubilant promotion feeling.

"To go up was fabulous," he said, "but to be Champions, then that really put the icing on the cake.

"It's not been just one season out of the blue; it's been a combination of three years' hard work.

"The pressure was on the boss, Ian Greaves, because we failed twice, but he was marvellous throughout the campaign. He didn't rock the boat. He kept everybody playing well and he kept a great spirit between the players.

"Ian Greaves and his assistant, George Mulhall, deserve all the accolades.

"We went to the top of the League during the first week of the season and we believed we were going to go up. Ian Greaves and George Mulhall kept impressing that on us. We only had one aim and that was promotion. Anything else, such as our League Cup and F.A. Cup runs, was purely an added bonus.

"I felt the tension during the last month when Brighton started to make their run. It didn't show on the field, but it was sheer agony waiting to play our matches.

"Promotion came at Blackburn prior to our last game. Frank Worthington scored in the first half. It was great when that one went in, and when we eventually

time."

Jim, 24, and Bolton's 'Player of the Season' took over as The Wanderers' last line of defence in September, 1976, when Barry Siddall was sold to Sunderland. Since then he hasn't missed a single game and, as a £10,000 capture from Rotherham, he must surely rate as one of Ian Greaves's best ever buys.

Last season Jim performed heroics. His record speaks for itself: 18 clean sheets and 33 goals against. Only Peter Shilton did better.

He joined Rotherham straight from school as a fifteen-year-old and made 121 appearances for the Third Division club. "I always wanted to be a goalkeeper," says the modest six-footer.

Jim is the type of 'keeper who likes to dominate the box. "I don't shout at the players," he says. "To be honest, I'm playing in a good side with a great defence. When you've got the likes of Mick Walsh, Paul Jones, Sam Allardyce, Tony Dunne, John Ritson and Peter Nicholson in front of you, then life for me is easy.

"Concentration is the difficult part, but I worked hard on this last season and I think it's improved. When your team is on the attack for most of the game, then you've got to keep yourself alert until the other side break."

Jim sprang to prominence last term; before that he was a comparative unknown. How did it happen?

JIM McDONAGH- Bolton's 'Player of the Season'

won 1-0 it was champagne all the way.

What difference did Worthington make to the side?

"I think a big one.

He led the front-line well. He sprayed the ball out to the wings. He's skill and class and he gave us a new dimension.

"Last term there was a general tightening up in the defence. In the past this is probably where it hasn't been going right. The defenders used to go up to add weight to the attack; they got a little impatient.

"This time it was different. The back-four defended and stayed behind as a unit. They let the midfielders who can score goals and play in the forwards do the work up-front. We played with patience and we played it tight.

"We didn't play defensively; we just didn't give anything away.

"The fans were also terrific — they helped us to go up. They've taken to me and I'm really pleased. You definitely play better when the crowd's behind you all the



"I think the publicity and television coverage of our important games has had a lot to do with it," he says.

"TV impresses people more than anything. You make a great save and it's flashed about with re-runs and people start to say, 'Who's this fellow? He can play a bit.'"

McDonagh is now rated by many as one of the top six

goalkeepers in the country. "It's some statement to make," he says. "I just hope I can live up to it.

"Who helped me along the way? Alan Hodgkinson of Sheffield United — Eddie Hopkinson's fierce rival for the England spot. I spoke to him on a social basis and he put me right. He was the biggest influence.

"To me, Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton are the two best 'keepers in the world — there are no others to touch them. And Joe Corrigan's been great over the past two seasons. It was nice to see Shilton play in goal for England again."

GOALSCORING IS

A representative from each of four of the two-man strike forces operating in the Football League talks about his particular partnership

PETER KITCHEN & JOE MAYO (ORIENT) ...
by PETER KITCHEN

'Joe does all the hard work'

I'M the lucky guy of the partnership because Joe does all the hard work and I score the goals! Seriously, though, although I scored almost 30 goals last season, I've got to hand it to Joe for creating so many chances for me.

Joe has done a lot of it through playing deeper than a traditional centre-forward. He plays just behind me and gets back a tremendous amount to help in midfield and tackle. Then he's got to find the energy to come up-front and join me too.

Joe only scored around ten goals last season but if he played farther forward than he does, he'd get far more. He is a big fellow and the way we play, we knock a lot of balls up to him from defence, missing out the midfield area. For a little fellow like myself, it's pretty hard trying to outjump a defender so Joe is invaluable in winning those high balls.

I wouldn't say I really feed off him because he plays too deep for

that. But having him there is a great help because defenders start looking for him and I get space because of that.

Our partnership developed rapidly last season because I anticipated what Joe was going to do. He's the same with me; we got used to playing together very quickly indeed. We didn't really start playing together regularly until the beginning of last term and it was not a bad first campaign together.

Joe's problem is he doesn't get into enough scoring positions because we play an extra man at the back and don't do much in midfield, meaning he often has to drop back. But if he was up-front all the time, he'd get just as many goals as I do.

I think we could do even better together next season. If we get that extra man in midfield, opposing defenders could have an even harder time trying to hold Joe and myself.



Mayo (left) outjumps Terry Naylor of Spurs during last season's League clash at Brisbane Road. The game finished 1-1.

TEDDY MAYBANK & PETER WARD (BRIGHTON) ...
by TEDDY MAYBANK

'Peter...one of the reasons I went to Brighton'

A PARTNERSHIP that has got fantastic potential — but hasn't really fulfilled any of it as yet. That's how I'd sum up our partnership at the end of last season.

I can't deny it's been a bad time for me since I went to Brighton. I cost them £200,000 from Fulham and I suppose people expected miracles for that sort of cash. But it took me longer to settle than I anticipated and then I got a bad knee injury, which put me back even further.

About the same time, Peter was going through a rare lean spell and he even dropped into the reserves for a couple of games to try and find his goal-touch once again.

It all meant our partnership, which had looked so promising, wasn't getting off the ground. But I can promise the Brighton fans — we'll get it together next season. What we can do together is unlimited and I'm very excited about the potential.

I will play as the Brighton target man with Peter feeding off me. But I'll try and use my skill on the ground, too, so I take a bit of attention away from Peter and give him some room to score goals.

Skill

I can't wait to start fresh next season. Peter has got tremendous skill and is a natural goalscorer; you can see that the way he nips in to score goals all the time. His ability and the desire to play alongside him, was one of the main reasons why I went to Brighton in the first place.

I'd always fancied playing up-front with him after seeing him score so often earlier in the season. I jumped at the chance to join but I've had to put up with a lot of frustrations and disappointments, mainly through injury and my poor form. But I still believe in my own ability — make no mistake about that.

Peter Ward can be a world beater. He's got great skill on the floor and we were just beginning to show what we could do together, when I got my knee injury. That wrecked it but I'll be back.

My strength and his skill, speed and ability to snap up any half chances can really do things for Brighton next season.



Maybank (above) is sure he can strike up a successful partnership with Peter Ward (below).



THEIR BUSINESS...

JOHN RICHARDS & BILL RAFFERTY (WOLVES) ...
by JOHN RICHARDS

'More attacking options, thanks to Bill'

WHAT a disappointing 1977-78 season for Wolves and also for myself. I struggled to score more than a dozen goals and as I reckon any First Division striker should score at least 20 each term, I've no doubts about it being an awful campaign for me and for the side.

But maybe the one bright light from the last season was the signing of Bill Rafferty. Bill and I haven't done justice to our reputations as yet — but we certainly can start doing so in August. Bill has already shown what he is capable of and he's just the sort of player I have needed alongside me — a big man to take some knocks and give me more space and time.

Bill played a few matches for Coventry in the First Division several years ago but apart from that, he's new to Division One. But I don't believe that will bother him next season. He has had a great deal of experience in the tough world of Divisions Two and Three and if you can do well consistently in those hard Leagues, I believe you can do it in the First.

Bill has got a lot of experience behind him and he can do amazing things with the ball at his feet. He's bound to take some pressure off me and he is especially good in the air. His ability to upset defenders, knock crosses and centres down to myself and the midfield men coming through can help transform our play next season.

For a big lad, he is pretty useful on the ground too and can show some speedy reactions in good positions. He knows where the goal is which is a basic require-

ment for a striker; you've got to have the feel of goal and know what you're doing. Bill clearly knows all that and I think he'll do well in our side next season.

When we play a big man up-front, we play a winger, too, so we have far more attacking options thanks to Bill's presence. He could really be the answer to our problems and if I can get back to some decent goalscoring form next season, I think we can really trouble defences between us.



Bill Rafferty (top) sets up a goal for John Richards (above) to score for Wolves against Aston Villa in their last home League game.

FRANK STAPLETON & MALCOLM MACDONALD
(ARSENAL) ...
by FRANK STAPLETON

'50 goals between us next season'

I THOUGHT we did pretty well last season as it was the second we'd played together. I am confident in 1978-79 we will score around 50 goals between us by the end of the term and that's not bad really.

Last season, we brought the partnership on a lot. We just know so much more about each other's game now and when we flick the ball on into gaps, the other one knows where to go.

I play mostly as the target man with Malcolm feeding off. He is now getting used to where I'm going to put the pass, either from my head or my feet. Supremacy took a lot of criticism last season but it hasn't been easy for him because we've changed the style.

Before, we were playing long balls upfield looking for him to run on to. But last time, we have played it around much more; using

the slow build-up and spraying passes all around the field. He has had the ball coming to him in much different situations and positions and it understandably took time for him to adapt.

Malcolm could probably do my job as target man but it would restrict his opportunities for goals. My natural strength is in the air so it works out well as it is. We sometimes have a go at each other on the field if things aren't going right, but it's only for the benefit of us both and it's all over and forgotten quickly.

Malcolm's experience has helped me a lot; he tells me where I should be passing to, what I should be doing with the ball and things like that. But as we've developed the partnership, there hasn't been as much need for that. I think we can do as well next season, too.



Malcolm Macdonald and Frank Stapleton celebrate another goal for Arsenal.

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nine...

OUR WEEK-BY-WEEK ACCOUNT OF THE

Week Ending APRIL 1 . . .

EVERTON PUSH FOREST

THE crunch-time Easter programme continues. Two more goals from top-scorer Bob Latchford give Everton a 2-1 win at Old Trafford — gaining some revenge for that 6-2 home hammering at Christmas — and, more significantly, to within a single point of Forest. True, Clough's team have four games in hand — but, as Everton claim, they have to get the points from them while inevitably the pressure mounts.

At the less happy end of the table, it seems to be a case of who goes down with Leicester — despite a rare win on Easter Monday — and Newcastle. Experienced escapologists West Ham show signs of doing their stuff yet again, though Q.P.R.'s hopes look decidedly dodgy after another doleful defeat at Derby.

More important, for the moment, than League issues is Liverpool's spirited fight to retain the European Cup. But in the away Semi-Final first-leg against Borussia Monchengladbach — the side they licked in the Final last season — a mere 1-2 deficit looks more than hopeful of giving them a firm grip on their cherished trophy.

Two minutes from the end, substitute David Johnson's diving header equalises Hannes's first-half goal — but there's still time enough for that man Bonhof to do it again. A ferocious 25-yard bending free-kick beats the "wall" and Ray Clemence — just as he did in the international in February — to give the West Germans a fragile one-goal lead to defend at Anfield in a fortnight's time.

Sadly, though, a minority of Liverpool fans — normally regarded as the best in the land — blot their traditional image with a serious bout of hooliganism on the way home.

Saturday is April Fools' Day — and

most of the game, nearly make a fool of flourishing Forest. But not quite. Three goals in the last few minutes see the Clough men safely home and dry. Just as well for them, as all the clubs on their tail — Everton, Arsenal, Manchester City, and Liverpool — pick-up both points, too.

Up the top of the Second Division, Tottenham's unbeaten run of 19 matches comes to an end at Burnley, though they still hold the lead over Bolton on goal-difference.

And, in the Fourth, Swansea smash eight goals without reply past Hartlepool — their biggest League win for 52 years — to boost their promotion-challenge. Inspiring new player-boss John Toshack — past hero of many a mighty battle for Liverpool and Wales — deservedly gets one of them. But he leaves it to his dynamic duo of Robbie James and Alan Curtis to bag the lion's share with a sparkling hat-trick apiece.

Swansea look set-fair to go up — though with no hopes of the Fourth Division Championship, about which Elton John has plenty to sing about. His go-getting Watford outfit are now 11 points in the lead — plus a game in hand over nearest challengers Southend.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 8 — Swansea.
TOTAL GOALS: 102.
HAT-TRICKS: 3 — Phillips (Brentford v. Huddersfield); James (Swansea v. Hartlepool); Curtis (Swansea v. Hartlepool).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2, Spurs; Div 3, Wrexham; Div 4, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 40,739 — Arsenal v. Man. Utd.
TOTAL GATE: 519,579.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,673.

'APRIL FOOLS'

TITLE contenders Rangers and Aberdeen are almost caught out as "April Fools" in the race for the flag.

Aberdeen have to come from the back twice to share the points in their 2-2 draw at Parkhead with Celtic. Lowly St. Mirren rock Rangers by going into the lead. But a header by Derek Johnstone saves a point for the Ibrox outfit.

Thistle travel through to Edinburgh but it is a wasted journey . . . Hibs run out the winners with a deserved 3-1 scoreline.

In a sparkling match at Ayr, Motherwell's Willie Pettigrew nods in the only goal of the game.

First Division challengers Morton let Kenny Mitchell return to St. James' Park after a trial period.

Kenny had come North on Feb. 2 and

had played three full games in midfield or up-front, but manager Benny Rooney says he is "a wee bit disappointed," by the Newcastle man's performances.

Strangely enough, Kenny walks back into the Newcastle first team.

Seven matches — including the Dundee Utd. v. Clydebank fixture — wiped out by torrential overnight rain.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 20,000
(Rangers v. St. Mirren)
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 52,500
TOTAL GOALS: 26
TABLE-TOPPERS: Rangers
HIGHEST SCORE: (3) Hibernian

Week Ending APRIL 8 . . .

WATFORD CLINCH PROMOTION

WEEK starts with news of a possible fairytale return of an old favourite. TV pundit Bob ("Action Replay") Wilson — goalkeeper hero of Arsenal's great "Double"-winning side of seven years ago — is on standby alert for a dramatic comeback to the big-time if Pat Jennings fails a fitness test for Saturday's F.A. Cup Semi-Final.

Bob, who officially retired four years ago, has been nominally on Arsenal's books this season in case of emergency — and says: "I hope Pat's O.K., but I don't think I'll let the side down."

Big transfer may be coming up. Gordon Hill, dropped and substituted lately by Manchester United, is after a show-down about his future. Several clubs, particularly Doc's Derby, are keenly interested in any developments.

By Tuesday, the firmest forecast of the season becomes fact — and, by winning at Bournemouth, Watford make sure of promotion to the Third Division.

Italy may have put paid to England's World Cup hopes — but our bright youngsters hit back by drawing 0-0 in Rome to wrap-up the European Under-21 Championship Quarter-Final 2-1 on aggregate. And, over that hurdle, they're now rated favourites to take the title.

For probably the first time in his soccer-life, sadly Frank McLintock has to admit to failure. After a disastrous season, his first in management, Arsenal's likeable "Double"-winning skipper quits as boss of relegation-doomed Leicester.

As to his future, Frank says: "I'm disappointed, and a bit disillusioned — but you've got to accept the downs as well as the ups in this game."

Not far away in the Midlands, though, Forest make the League title a virtual formality, as they snatch a late winner

at Villa. And Liverpool's David Johnson helps by scoring the only goal at Goodison to demoralise Everton's already wafer-thin hopes of overtaking them.

So it's to be Arsenal v. Ipswich at Wembley next month! In the Semis, brave Orient blow up — and their London neighbours have a little luck, but no real trouble, in cruising to a comfortable 3-0 victory. Bob Wilson isn't required to put down the mike and take over in goal — but a fit-again Jennings hasn't much to do, either. And Ipswich — often so much promise; so little fulfilment — come good to put out West Bromwich 3-1.

In the League, Forest have a day off. But no matter, as nearest rivals Everton crash again at Coventry — and four points up, and four games in hand, it needs a sensational miracle to stop Clough & Co. now. West Ham earn a shock win at Leeds to add fuel to the fire of their great escape-bid — and, to help matters along, their fellow-strugglers all lose.

The Division Two top-of-the-table clash sees Spurs beat Bolton 1-0 — though both seem sure of promotion, anyway. But breezy Brighton are pressing Southampton hard for the third spot.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Bristol Rovers; Chesterfield; Lincoln.
TOTAL GOALS: 107.
HAT-TRICKS: 0.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2, Spurs; Div 3, Wrexham; Div 4, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 50,922 — Ipswich v. West Bromwich (at Highbury).
TOTAL GATE: 541,445.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,206.

MOTHERWELL STUNNED

AFTER a mid-week win over Thistle, Aberdeen find themselves at the top of the Premier Division. They are two points clear of Rangers — but Jock Wallace's team have two games in hand.

On the Saturday Rangers show their worth by storming back from 1-0 down to smash Ayr 5-2.

But Aberdeen stay top with a 2-0 win over Thistle . . . their second meeting in four days.

Bottom-of-the-table Clydebank pull off a shock win over Celtic. They pick up two much-needed points after a 3-2 tussle.

The young St. Mirren side completely outclass Hibs and McDonald in the Edinburgh side's goal has to lift the ball out of his net three times.

Motherwell, lying third in the table, are stunned by a four-minute goal by Dundee Utd. and lose the points.

Ally MacLeod, Scotland's team boss, calls in John Brownlie, the Hibernian full-back, to his World Cup pool of 40 as a replacement for Celtic's Danny McGrain.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 16,000
(Ayr v. Rangers)
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 51,000
TOTAL GOALS: 52
TABLE-TOPPERS: Aberdeen
HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Rangers



LEFT... Willie Pettigrew. Frank McLintock (right). Ipswich (far right, light shirts) celebrate a goal v West Brom.



1977-78 SEASON IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Week Ending APRIL 15 . . .

NEW DEAL FOR FRANCIS

POSSIBLE transfer news — mainly concerned with Birmingham — sparks-off interest of the new week. Under ambitious new boss Jim Smith, they now vie with Derby for the talents of Manchester United's unsettled Gordon Hill — while the Yanks hot-up the chase for Trevor Francis. *Detroit Express* — the newly-formed club which has Jimmy Hill as one of its backers — emerge as new favourites if Francis does move across the Atlantic.

Next bit of news — rather harder than mere speculation this time — is Tony Currie is back in favour. The brilliant, if unpredictable, Leeds midfielder — out of the international reckoning for two-and-a-half years — is in Ron Greenwood's squad for the prestige Wembley game against Brazil next week.

But the England manager bows to Liverpool's request not to include any of their players, as they have a vital League match the night before.

Back to this week's games, title challengers Manchester City take a point off Forest — and, at the other end of the table, Q.P.R. do themselves a power of good by beating Cup Finalists Arsenal. In the Second, Southampton step up their promotion hopes with a convincing 3-0 win at Hull.

Then comes the Big One — and it's just no trouble at all for Liverpool. They comfortably beat old rivals Borussia Monchengladbach 3-0 (4-2 on aggregate) to cruise through to Wembley to defend their European Cup. Bruges surprisingly overcome highly-fancied Juventus in the other Semi-Final — so Liverpool will be facing the Belgian side they beat in the 1976 U.E.F.A. Cup Final.

At last, the long-discussed Trevor Francis move is settled. He WILL sign for *Detroit Express*. — but he'll ALSO stick with Birmingham. Big-money Trev — who already earns about £35,000 a

year in Britain — is now set to pick up at least another £45,000 for playing just 20 summer games in the States. He might miss the opening game or two of next season with Birmingham — but manager Jim Smith says: "We're happy enough that, basically, Trevor is staying with us at all."

At last, too, Gordon Hill moves on. Tommy Docherty — the manager who first signed him for Manchester United for £80,000 in November, 1975 — gets his man again, and reckons £275,000 is a reasonable price to pay second time around.

But Leeds next day take a rare point off Forest at Nottingham. Everton marginally reduce the gap at the top when a Latchford penalty disposes of Ipswich — but, happily for Clough, Manchester City go down at home to West Bromwich.

The real crunch-game, though, is at Brighton, where Alan Mullery's breezy lads meet — and beat — fellow promotion rivals Spurs. But, sadly, a fine competitive match is ruined by rioting fans — and, for 13 minutes, it's held up while spectators spill on to the pitch. Brighton take an early lead, and then fight back against a spirited Spurs' equaliser to run out deserved 3-1 winners.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Birmingham; Burnley; Preston.
TOTAL GOALS: 111.
HAT-TRICKS: 0.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Forest; Div. 2, Spurs; Div. 3, Wrexham; Div. 4, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 38,662 — Forest v. Leeds.
TOTAL GATE: 574,277.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,051.

PENALTY MISS

A HAT-TRICK by Aberdeen's Ian Fleming blasts Thistle out of the Cup. The Dons' 4-2 win means they will play Rangers in the Final.

Rangers pay the penalty and can only manage a 1-1 draw with Ayr when winger Cooper misses from the spot in a mid-week match.

The red-shirted goal machine of Aberdeen slips into top gear again on the Saturday and bangs five into the Motherwell net.

Rangers' one man goal machine, Derek Johnstone, puts two past Clydebank to keep the Ibrox title bid ticking over smoothly.

Hibs drive a bus through the Celtic defence and pick up the points with a 4-2 win.

A 65,000 crowd turns out at Ibrox to

say a £75,000 "thank-you" to Rangers' skipper John Greig. Eighteen seasons, 43 caps and 16 medals after joining Rangers "Greig" is the first Ibrox man to be given a testimonial match.

His Rangers team trounce a Scottish World Cup XI 5-0 and John gets his name on the scoresheet twice.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 17,500
(Aberdeen v. Motherwell)
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 59,000
TOTAL GOALS: 54
TABLE-TOPPERS: Aberdeen
HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Aberdeen, Dundee

Week Ending APRIL 22 . . .

BRAZIL GET ROUGH

TWO down, and one to go — that's the early-week progress-report from the First Division. Newcastle, beaten 2-0 at Villa, join Leicester on the downward path — and, with only one full League week left, any one of five other worried clubs could join them.

With two games more played, West Ham look "favourites" — but it could be Q.P.R., Chelsea, Wolves, or even Cup Finalists Ipswich.

Down in the Fourth, "new-boys" Wimbledon win 5-0 at Southport — move up six places to kill off fears of having to apply for re-election in their first League season.

It takes a Robertson penalty from unusually "edgy" Forest to beat Q.P.R. — the relegation-haunted side which forced them to three F.A. Cup games — but, barring mathematical miracles, games-in-hand Forest can undoubtedly order the deserved champagne to celebrate a superb League season. Just one point from their remaining five games will give them the title for sure.

Liverpool drop a home point to Ipswich, and only Everton have a remote possibility of matching Forest's 58 now. But, as their goal-difference is only 27 compared with Forest's 43, that needs a series of pretty earth-shattering results from both clubs if they're to do it now!

Comes Wednesday, and the big game against Brazil. Manager Claudio Coutinho promises "We're going for goals to get in tune for the World Cup" — and it looks a bad portent when Gil swerves in a superb one after only 10 minutes.

But England's re-shuffled side — Liverpool stars and others are unavailable due to important League commitments — hit back magnificently, and Keegan's great equaliser is scant reward for their overall efforts. Fine for England, though Brazil — five men

booked — lose friends when their robust tactics don't do justice to their traditional skills.

A great night for the seniors, but England's kids narrowly go down 2-1 in Yugoslavia in the first-leg of the European Under-21 Championship — the vital, decisive goal coming in the dying seconds.

By Saturday, the controversies are almost all forgotten as the big news — though hardly surprising — comes that Forest have wrapped it up for sure. A goal-less draw at Coventry is enough to take the title — and just for luck (or anything else) this remarkable side have still got four games to go. Says Liverpool manager Bob Paisley: "As far as I'm concerned, I congratulated Brian a month ago!"

At the other end, it's looking bleaker for West Ham. They go down 3-0 at Old Trafford — while Chelsea and Wolves draw, and Q.P.R. pick up their first away win of the season at Newcastle.

West Bromwich lose 3-0 at home to Villa — but coloured star Cyrille Regis closely watched by St-Etienne, is said to be the subject of a £750,000 bid from the French cracks. Which, if it comes off, isn't bad for a 20-year-old who cost Albion £10,000 from Isthmian Leaguers Hayes just a year ago!

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 7 — Wrexham.
TOTAL GOALS: 110
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Whittle (Wrexham v. Rotherham).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Forest; Div. 2, Southampton; Div. 3, Wrexham; Div. 4, Watford.
HIGHEST GATE: 54,089 — Man. Utd. v. West Ham.
TOTAL GATE: 583,590.
AVERAGE GATE: 12,969.

'BIG MAN STEIN FINED'

ON Wed. 19th Rangers go back to the top of the table after a 1-0 win over Dundee Utd. . . . the scorer, Derek Johnstone. And when the two teams meet on the Saturday The 'Gers turn the style and rock United 3-0.

Aberdeen show their Championship qualities by coming back from 2-0 to beat St. Mirren 4-2. Celtic hit the goal trail and run out 5-2 victors over Thistle.

Ayr, second bottom of the table, beat Hibs, third from the top, 2-0. Bottom of the table Clydebank snatch two points from Motherwell with a one-goal win.

Thistle turn down a transfer bid by Middlesbrough for their international keeper Alan Rough.

Thistle chairman Miller Reid says: "The terms offered were unacceptable. They were more in keeping with an untried player than a World Cup star."

"And the sum offered by the York-

shire club was well under £100,000."

Celtic boss Jock Stein is fined £200 and severely censured by the SFA referee committee. Stein was reported by referee David Syme for alleged remarks after the League Cup Final with Rangers in March.

Rangers' Derek Johnstone is voted "Player of the Year". Bobby Clark, the veteran Aberdeen goalie is runner-up.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 30,000
(Rangers v. Dundee Utd.)
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 68,500
TOTAL GOALS: 68
TABLE-TOPPERS: Rangers
HIGHEST SCORE: (7) Dunfermline.

Nottingham Forest's John Robertson (left). Brazil (below, light shirt) on the attack v. England. Chelsea (far right, light socks) were held to a 1-1 draw by Wolves.





AS FORMER star players make their final exits from the soccer stage, either through age or injury, so their places are taken by others whose outstanding skills and application to their craft have granted them the right of succession.

It's a continuous process in our ever-changing game.

Fans and players alike enjoy discussing the merits and shortcomings of those younger players who look booked for stardom. So many lads burn brightly early on in their careers, only to fall short of their potential and fade into comparative obscurity, while others spend years virtually un-noticed before suddenly thrusting themselves forward and claiming places at the top of the tree.

In this column I've chosen the players I regard as being the most improved of last season.

Confidence

It's natural my first selection should come from the ranks of Nottingham Forest, who ran away unchecked to take the Championship from Liverpool. As many observers have pointed out, their title-winning team was very different from the one that won promotion from the Second Division, being stiffened by the signings of top-quality players such as Peter Shilton, Dave Needham, Archie Gemmill and Kenny Burns.

But it's a regular at Forest before their arrival I want to write about: someone who blossomed out into a

class player, fulfilling manager Brian Clough's faith in him.

I'm talking about Martin O'Neill, a midfielder with all the skills, but previously lacking one vital quality — confidence. Duncan McKenzie, co-host of a Merseyside radio programme with me, first pointed this out after returning from Everton to his former club to make a guest appearance for them in a testimonial game.

Martin showed a tremendous appetite for hard work. When he wasn't racing along the wing with the ball, tormenting opponents, he was helping out his own defence by tackling back.

In season 1976-77, he scored 9 League goals for Forest in their successful promotion bid, one fewer than in 1977-78. But, as everyone will tell you, it's harder to get the ball into the net in the First, where defences are much tighter.

A winger cum midfielder who can look back on 1977-78 as the season he began to break through is young, red-haired Graham Rix of Arsenal, the best of the London clubs.

Graham, who appears to have all the necessary skills, is possibly lacking in only one respect — stamina. He has a tendency to tire over 90 minutes, which may be the reason for his omission from the Arsenal F.A. Cup Final team. Playing on the heavy Wembley surface is a testing experience for even the fittest, strongest player, which is why you'll



'MOST-IMPROVED PLAYERS...'

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

European Finals

I'd like to know the results of the past European Championship Finals, and where they have been played.

MARCELLINO DINIHIIS,
SLOUGH

● The first European Championship (then known as the European Nations Cup) was concluded in 1960 — when Russia beat Yugoslavia 2-1 in Paris.

Other Finals since have seen Spain beat Russia 2-1 in Madrid in 1964; Italy beat Yugoslavia 2-0 in Rome in 1968; West Germany beat Russia 3-0 in Brussels in 1972; and Czechoslovakia beat West Germany on a penalty decider after a 2-2 draw in Belgrade in 1976.

REAL winners

Which club has won the European Cup most times?

STEPHEN DON,
SUNDERLAND

● The great Real Madrid side of a couple of decades ago easily take that one, Stephen, with six triumphs.

These were the first five times the competition was played — from 1955-56 to 1959-60 inclusive — and again in 1965-66.

Next best are the three successive wins of Ajax (1970-71 to 1972-73); followed by another three on the trot by Bayern Munich (1973-74 to 1975-76).

Let's hope, by the end of next season, we'll be cheering yet another hat-trick — from Liverpool!

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My Dad says Brian Clough's Forest are the only club ever to have gained promotion, and then won the League title, in successive seasons. Is he right?

JOHN ROYCROFT,
KING'S LYNN

● 'Fraid not, John. And, incidentally, the last club to do the trick, Ipswich, also had a big name as manager.

He was Sir Alf Ramsey — then plain 'Mister' — and he went even better, gaining the Championship of both Second and First Division in 1960-61 and 1961-62.

The fine contemporary Forest side, of course, could only edge into the third promotion place — five points behind Champions Wolves.



he has to compete at City with so many experienced players for his position, I expect Gary to be included for all 42 League games next season provided he avoids injury.

It's not enough to be blessed with an abundance of talent to make your mark in the game. It has to be allied to hard work and application.

One player who has learnt that lesson is Tony Currie of Leeds. For years he has looked one of the most promising players in Britain but failed to sustain a high level of performance. At last he appears to have developed the right attitude. No longer does he play in bursts, but "turns it on" for 90 minutes.

In recent games for England he

them defeat Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final, laying on the goal for Osborne.

He also forced Gunners' 'keeper Pat Jennings into making a desperate save from a mighty right foot shot.

Derby had a disappointing season by their standards. They can take some consolation in the tremendous improvement shown by an Irish lad called Gerry Ryan. Formerly a poor finisher, he began to score spectacular goals, as well as making "assists" for other players.

Ironically for Trevor Brooking, he had his best season for West Ham, only to find himself consigned to Second Division football for next season.

At Liverpool, Jimmy Case has really come of age, showing a maturity in big games that helped us to our second European Cup success. In previous seasons his performances in them tended to be below his best, perhaps because of being overawed or over-tense.

'Big Cyrille Regis is amazingly quick'

looked world class, scoring a fine goal in the 4-1 defeat of World Cup qualifiers Hungary at Wembley.

French club St-Etienne, whom Liverpool beat in that never-to-be-forgotten second-leg Quarter-Final on the way to our first European Cup victory, bid a reported £750,000 for Cyrille Regis, West Brom's black striker. Just one indication of the worth of a lad who only a few seasons ago was playing non-League football for Hayes.

Thrilling goal

Against Borussia Monchengladbach in the second-leg of the Semi-Finals, he topped off a great night for him — for all of us — with a thrilling goal.

Picking the ball up on the edge of their 18-yard box, he worked his way into a position from which he fired an unstoppable humdinger of a shot into the top, left-hand corner of the net.

It's his devastating shooting power — which he tones down in training I'm grateful to say — that also makes him so valuable at free-kicks.

If Jimmy continues to make progress, then next season he could get the call to serve his country, England!

Must go now — have a 'plane to catch.

Keep safe —

Ray Clemence

see so many players with their socks rolled down in the closing stages of a game there.

But Graham is still a growing lad and his stamina will improve as he develops. Definitely a player to watch for next season.

I nominate Everton's Mark Higgins as another bright prospect, who has won international honours at England schoolboy and youth levels. He was working up a great understanding with captain Mickey Lyons until an injury unfortunately sidelined him.

From amongst the up-and-coming 'keepers I go for Coventry's Jim Blyth. If I had been managing Scotland in the World Cup Finals in Argentina, I would have preferred Jim to Alan Rough, as I pointed out

in a column previewing the competition. That's not to say I feel Alan let his country down. He was one of the few Scots who could hold his head up high after their disappointing overall performance.

Jim had surely his best-ever season and his selection for the Scotland squad is testimony to it. Against Liverpool in the League at Highfield Road he was out of this world, making some great saves, one from a Phil Neal penalty-kick, and playing a major part in City's 1-0 win.

Manchester City have a future Johnny Giles in midfielder Gary Owen, who has the same vision and composure of the former Leeds, mastermind. Not included for the full programme, probably because

Excels

Built like former World Heavyweight Champion Joe Frazier, Cyrille is amazingly quick and excels in every department.

I saw him score a magnificent goal on TV. Collecting the ball on the half-way line he hurt through the opposing defence in a spectacular run, to finish by ramming the ball into the net.

At Ipswich another big lad caught my eye. David Geddis, one of the few players I've seen knocked down by our Tommy Smith — the "Iron Man" — and come back at him so hard Tommy ended up complaining to the ref.

David shone in the dazzling display by underdogs Ipswich that saw

Exit Workington

Can you tell me the date, opponents, and score in Workington's last League match?

AZMAN BIN AHMAD, WEST MALAYSIA

● It was at Newport on 17th May, 1977. Azman, and Workington lost 1-0. That ended a dismal run of their last 13 games — with two draws and 11 defeats.

● Bottom of the Fourth Division — with a total of only 19 points from their 48 matches — Workington failed to get re-elected to the League, and their place went to Wimbledon.

SHORT PASSES

● England's first international team manager was Walter Winterbottom (1946 to 1962).

(KURT JOHANSEN, Denmark)

● Charlie George scored 31 goals in 113 (plus 20 as sub) League games for Arsenal.

(ANDREW LAKE, Lincoln)

● All Sir Alf Ramsey's League games were played for Southampton (90) and Spurs (226).

(J. RENWICK, West Lothian)

Cup win for Barnsley

What is the furthest my local club, Barnsley, have ever got in the League and in the F.A. Cup?

JOHN IVESON, BARNSELY

● Best in the League, John, was twice finishing third in Division Two — in 1914-15 and 1921-22 — in those days only the top two clubs were promoted, and so Barnsley missed out on the First.

● In the F.A. Cup, though, they went all the way in 1912 — beating West Bromwich 1-0 in a replayed Final. Two years earlier, too, they were beaten finalists against Newcastle.

Bryan King

As a great Coventry fan, I'd like to know how many games goalkeeper Bryan King played for them.

A. MURUGAPA, SINGAPORE

● The luckless King, his career cut short by injury, played only 23 League games for Coventry following his transfer from Millwall in August, 1975.

● But at least, before that, he'd managed to get in 302 for the London club.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

CHAMPIONS DETHRONED- MANAGER SLAMS DEFENCE

HELMUT SCHOEN, the most successful international manager the world has ever known, bowed out of soccer with an undeserved climax to his memorable career. He saw his West German side beaten 3-2 by Austria, the first defeat for the Germans by that country for 47 years.

That was Schoen's last game. After leading his country to so many triumphs, in his 14 years as manager, he has stepped down to allow his assistant, Jupp Derwall, take over the reins.

Under Schoen, West Germany have won the World Cup, been runners-up and third-placed. European Champions and runners-up.

After the World Cup-tie against Austria in Cordoba, Schoen sighed: "Today was one of the biggest disappointments of my career. It would have been nice to have retired after a victory, even if we did not retain the World Cup."

"The result and the performance against Austria were not what I would have expected from West Germany."

Trying to hide his anger, he continued: "To name names would serve no purpose, but I want to go on record and say I was utterly disappointed with our defence, which made things very easy for Austria. However, I take nothing away from our opponents who fully merited their victory."

The 1978 World Cup Finals will be remembered for many reasons, but it is impossible to forget the miserable form shown by the 1974 World Champions. Germany were but a shadow of their old selves and "big" names such as Bonhof, Fischer and others were reduced to the status of ordinary players.

It seemed that Schoen realised he had a team with no chance of winning the World Cup again — so he decided simply not to lose!

The opening game against Poland will go down as one of the "great" yawns of all-time. Who would have thought that Tunisia would have held Germany to a 0-0 draw (or was it the other way round?)

And even in the Second Round, against Italy, the Germans were more concerned with keeping a clean sheet than scoring goals.

Schoen says: "It is my belief this squad was better trained than any previous selection I've been in charge of. We were unfortunate to lose Flohe and Zimmermann through injuries and this affected not only our performance, but the general spirit of our players."

"During other Championships, we have lost men yet have been able to replace them with others equally as good. This was not possible this time."

Perhaps one should sympathise with Schoen. Germany have lost some world-class players in recent years, like Breitner, Grabowski, Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller. All these stars are still playing club football, but for different reasons were unavailable for Argentina.

Yet even bearing those losses in mind, there were still sufficient top players in the German side to have done better. The mood of the camp was not happy. There were personal feuds. Both Bonhof and Flohe wanted to be the midfield play-maker and neither would give way.

The last straw came when the Germans welcomed one of their countrymen in Argentina — and he turned out to be a former member of the Nazi party. The German Press were really savage when they found this out.

Schoen continued: "During the course of the competition, my team showed it was capable of changing its style of play. I think we played fairly well and even extremely well at times, although I never really believed deep down we could win the Cup again."

"My players tried to play against Austria as they did against Holland. But it is one thing to want to play well and another to actually do it."

A fitting tribute to Schoen came from Helmut Senekowitsch, the Austria coach.

He said "I am sorry that Herr Schoen is retiring from the game after seeing his team beaten, even if it was by my country."

The era of West German domination of world football is over. Helmut Schoen, a legend in his own lifetime, has retired. As England have found out, it can take quite a while to rise again in soccer.

Helmut Schoen (left). Austria ended West Germany's domination of world football by winning 3-2 in Cordoba. Bernd Hoelzenbein (second right) scores West Germany's second goal.



In a World Cup lacking in true super stars, Argentina's Mario Kempes emerged as one of the most exciting players to be seen in years and the 1978 World Cup top-scorer. The 23-year-old Cordoba-born Kempes was the inspiration behind Argentina's World Cup success and his partnership with Leopoldo Luque is, without doubt, the most deadly in world soccer at present.

England fans first saw Kempes before the 1974 World Cup Finals when Argentina drew 2-2 at Wembley, thanks to a last-minute penalty by Mario. He went on to play in the World Cup Finals in West Germany, yet made little impact as Babington and Houseman caught our eye.

In 1976, Kempes left the Rosario Central club in Argentina and, like so many other players from that country, went to Spain. During his two seasons with Valencia he has finished top scorer on both occasions.

Kempes is a phenomenal player. He's not particularly big, but has tremendously powerful legs which enable him not only to ride desperate tackles, but also unleash shots of frightening velocity.

Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti was reluctant to call on many of his "European" stars for the World Cup, but he'd worked with Kempes in the past and was prepared to wait for Mario's arrival a month before the tournament.

Kempes says: "This was not too much of a disadvantage. I've only been away for a couple of years and I know most of the players. I keep in touch with Argentine football through the newspapers and magazines.

"I have many friends from home who have visited Spain and you mustn't forget players are constantly coming from Argentina to the Spanish League. For me, there were no difficulties in joining the squad."

Kempes and Luque had never played together before the 1978 World Cup.

"Yet somehow, we just 'clicked' immediately. I can't explain why, it just happened. When Luque was

KEMPES AND LUQUE STAR FOR ARGENTINA

injured in the France game, I missed him in our next two matches."

The Argentina star was used in three different roles by Menotti. He started the competition playing as a striker on the left-hand side. When Luque was injured he became the central striker. In the later stages he dropped back to a slightly deeper role with Ortiz coming into the attack. Wherever Kempes played he was deadly and his performance against Peru in that never-to-be-forgotten 6-0 slaughter was arguably the outstanding individual achievement of the World Cup.

Kempes scored the all-important opening goal on the night Argentina were set the daunting task of scoring at least four goals. Mario went on to score Argentina's third and lay-on the "killer" header of Luque in the 51st minute.

The long-haired Kempes says: "Luque helps me a great deal. He's a fighter and is always battling for the ball. If he hasn't got it, he goes to look for it.

"I think I'm best suited to a role just behind the main attackers. This is how I've been playing in Spain and Menotti knew it.

"I think I pace my game better now after playing in Europe. When I was younger, I used to waste too much energy early in the game and after about 75 minutes I was struggling.

"I now read situations better and conserve my energy for when it is needed most."

Valencia, wisely, urged Kempes to sign a new five-year contract with them just before he left for

Argentina. Perhaps the player regrets not waiting a few more weeks — now, he is surely the most-wanted forward in the world and could name his own price on any contract.

"I'm happy with Valencia. We didn't win anything last season, but we have some new players and I'm optimistic we can get amongst the honours next term.

"Perhaps I could earn more money elsewhere, but for me the most important thing in football is to be happy and money can't necessarily buy happiness.

"I enjoy playing for Valencia as they are an attacking team. It's the same with Argentina."

Mario Kempes has certainly come a long way from that penalty against England four years ago.



LEFT ... Argentina centre-forward Leopoldo Luque played a vital part in the success story of the South American side. Although he was injured during the France game, the tall dark-haired striker went on to score four goals. **BELOW ...** Mario Kempes (right) fires home Argentina's third goal against Peru in their 6-0 win in Rosario. Kempes was in tremendous form all through the Finals showing his pace and silky skills. Midfielder Kempes was also on the goal sheet and his total of six goals, that included a couple against Holland in the World Cup Final, made him the top scorer in the competition.



The last eight teams left in the World Cup start the exciting series of Second Round matches and it is

ACTION ALL THE WAY

Left . . . Out go 1974 World Cup Champions West Germany as Austria win 3-2 in Cordoba. Johann Krankl was the Austrian star with two fine goals and here he celebrates one of them with team-mate Wilhelm Kreuz.

Below . . . Poland struggled to beat Peru 1-0 in Mendoza and Kazomierz Deyna watches as Andrzej Szarmach attempts to beat the Peru 'wall' with a free-kick.

Right . . . Italy and West Germany fought out a very skilful, but goalless game, in Buenos Aires. This time it is skipper Bertl Vogts who slides into a tackle to stop the young Italian star Paolo Rossi.

Bottom Right . . . The host country Argentina line-up in a Second Round match before going on to win the 1978 World Cup.



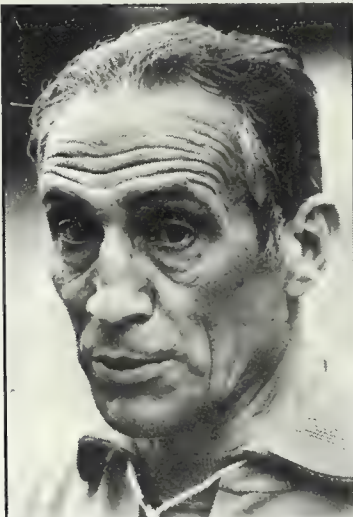


ONE of the most unlikely stars of the 1978 World Cup Finals was Romeo Benetti. The Italian midfielder is 33-years-old and for most of his career has been known to British fans as "The Assassin".

To say Romeo has a most inappropriate first name is an understatement. He's Italy's answer to Tommy Smith and his mere presence must make opponents apprehensive.

Yet in Argentina, Benetti emerged as much more than a destroyer. Many people thought he was Italy's most important player ... certainly the most influential.

Benetti does not have the skill of Causio, he doesn't have the speed of Rossi or the goal-danger of Bettega. Yet take Benetti out of the Italy team and you lose a great deal.



SUCCESS FOR ITALY'S 'ASSASSIN'

He says: "I know my style isn't pretty to watch. If you say I'm the most important to the team, then I'm flattered, but I simply do my job."

"We have plenty of skilful players in our side and I do all I can to make their jobs easier."

The Italy star underestimates himself. At times, he was seen to play inch-accurate first-time reverse passes, but he points out: "I suppose my role is basically to win the ball. Yet I don't think this makes me only defensive."

"I prefer to think I win the ball to start an Italy attack rather than simply break down a move of our opponents. I've been in top soccer for 13 years and my style has changed very little."

"I wear the number ten shirt, but I play everywhere. Fitness has never been a problem and even at 33 I'm as strong as ever. My soccer depends on the freedom I have on the field and I must run a lot to make this space for myself."

British players who have faced Benetti will vouch for his tackling ability. His Juventus team-mates will tell you there are Italian players who are often "injured" when they're due to come up against Benetti.

Benetti's attitude to the game was summed up in a few minutes during the game against Argentina. He'd been booked for pushing an opponent off the ball and, naturally, the crowd were after him. Some players would have quietened down a little after this. Not Benetti. His next tackle was a crunching 50-50 ball and he left the Argentina player concerned in no doubt Benetti plays only to win — nothing puts him off.

Zoff was Italy's captain (because he holds the most caps — that's how the Italians select their skipper), but in reality Benetti led on the field in Argentina.

Benetti owns a small farm on the outskirts of Turin.

"I'm not, how do you say, a peasant. Although I try to do everything myself. I enjoy ploughing, harvesting, sowing ... I like to be involved with my work."



The man responsible for Italy's international side is Enzo Bearzot (top of page). Romeo Benetti (above) had a fine World Cup.

"I love flowers, fruit and vegetables. More than anything, though, I grow grapefruits to make wine. I believe wine is so much better when it's fresh and made with your own hands."

In fact, Benetti makes it with his feet. He crushes the grapefruits to produce wine that, he says, he drinks with his friends.

"I'm a bachelor and I'll be spending my summer holiday on my farm doing as much as I can."

And next season? "Well I'm 33 so I'm obviously nearing the end of my career, but I'd love to help Juventus to win the European Cup."

"Going out in the Semi-Finals to Bruges last season was a big disappointment and it would be wonderful for me to help Juventus into the position of being Europe's top club."

Failure for France's 'Wonder Boy'



Platini (light shirt) is stopped in full flight by Italy's Tardelli during their First Round match.

THE 1978 World Cup was a tournament without any real superstars. Luque ... Kempes ... Cubillas ... Rensenbrink ... quite a few players made their mark, yet no one of the stature of Cruyff, Beckenbauer or Rivelino (of 1970) emerged.

One of the biggest disappointments was Michel Platini, the 22-year-old French midfielder. So much was said about him before Argentina and for most British fans it was the first chance to study the free-kick expert at close quarters.

While France made their mark in the most competitive group, Platini was rarely seen and he returned to Europe as something of an enigma.

He says: "Yes, the 1978 World Cup was not good for me. France did not do as well as we'd hoped either."

"Against Italy, in our opening game, I was marked by Tardelli and in all fairness he did an excellent job. I couldn't get rid of him and he did not allow me the freedom I need to play my natural style."

"The Mar del Plata pitch did not help. It was soft and spongy, not at all suited to flowing football, but, I do not use this as an excuse. Credit to Tardelli for marking me so closely."

"Against Argentina we worked harder and our performance was better, although we were still not entirely satisfied, especially as we lost. After that match the World Cup was over for us."

"I wouldn't say France were failures. Simply qualifying was an achievement, especially when you look at some of the strong countries who weren't in Argentina."

"Looking back, perhaps we were more motivated in the qualifying ties. It meant a lot to French football for us to be in the Finals for the first time since 1966 and maybe we did not have the same

application having reached Argentina.

"What makes me sad is people did not see the real France. We can play much better than we did last month. Now, we must work hard to achieve the levels of the top countries."

"We don't have an effective forward-line. If France had Italy's attack we would have won. Myself I feel I need a little more weight to give me extra strength ... I need more depth, determination and I must get nearer the opponents' goal more often."

Platini's overall impressions of the tournament were mixed.

"There were disappointments, like Scotland, Brazil initially and a lack of goals from some sides. Yet on the other hand I was most impressed with Tunisia and Peru. I'd not given them any chance of making the headlines, yet both teams did themselves much credit."

"I liked Argentina. The fans and people were most friendly and did all they could to help us. The stadiums were first-class, although the pitches could have been better, especially in Mar del Plata."

Although Michel Platini is the golden boy of French football, his relationship with the Press is strained.

"I prefer to talk to my friends. Two years ago, when I started to make an impact, the reporters and photographers all wanted to know about my private life and I really objected to this."

"I feel I'm entitled to my privacy. I'm recently married, I like music, and getting away from soccer. The papers tried to pry deeply into my life outside football and I objected."

And the future? "Argentina was my first taste of World Cup soccer and I want to play in Spain, 1982. We must forget what happened in Argentina and work towards Spain, showing we are really a better team than many believe."

BIG CHANGES AT NOTTINGHAM FOREST ARE UNDER WAY...

A NEW-LOOK FOR CITY GROUND



Left ... Forest manager Brian Clough may be in the transfer market before the season starts. Inset ... Peter Withe shoots for goal v. Arsenal as Forest go for the title. Below ... The old City Ground grandstand goes up in flames during a match against Leeds United in August, 1968.

BRIAN Clough has already been strongly tipped to plunge into the transfer market before the start of the new season, in a bid to boost his amazing Nottingham Forest side.

But the League Champions and League Cup holders are not just looking at the playing side of the game. They are also aiming to improve their ground during the summer and already season ticket sales have rocketed over the past few months.

Forest are out to become the fourth British side to capture the European Cup and it has obviously stirred up a considerable amount of interest as they prepare for their busiest-ever season.

Already all the season tickets for seats at the club have been sold out. Long queues formed outside the ticket office as Forest fans ensured themselves of a place during the club's big games next term.

There are now 8,000 seats at the ground and Forest officials are confidently expecting a further 8,000 standing tickets to be sold

before the big kick-off.

Forest secretary Ken Smales admitted: "It means a lot of work for the office staff during the close season, but we don't really mind."

"While the players can rest, we still have to keep on working. But the response from the fans has been incredible. That's what makes everything worth it."

"We knew there would be quite a big rush for season tickets and the money will help us to improve the ground and get it in line with the Safety Act."

"People know that if they buy a season ticket, it will give them a good chance of seeing most of our important matches, because the tickets go on sale to them first."

Forest could make £50,000 from the sale of tickets before they face their first real test — the Charity Shield clash with Ipswich at Wembley on August 12th.

Forest have also been helped by a £150,000 County Council loan. The estimated cost of the improvements is about £500,000. The loan will be repayable with interest over three or four years. Club vice-chairman Stuart Dryden said: "It's obviously a big help at the time when our financial burdens are considerable."

Work is already being carried out on installing an electronic scoreboard at one end of the City Ground. A Press room is being added to the Jubilee Club and other improvements will be carried out.

Adds Mr. Smales: "The fans might be surprised when they come back to watch their football next season. A few things will have changed, but hopefully our success rate will be just as high."



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MANY SHOOT readers have asked me for match results and my impressions of the recent England B tour to Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore.

"My friend said he read a report the England team had to be rescued from fans after your first game in Malaysia. Is that true?" asks Clive Woodcock from Coventry.

It most certainly is, Clive. It was a terrifying experience I can tell you. Only the intervention of the riot police saved us from possible serious injury.

Obviously the fans didn't mean us any harm, they were just over-enthusiastic.

They wanted to simply touch us, get autographs, take photos and grab souvenirs such as team jerseys.

Trouble was, many hundreds, if not thousands, of people were trying to get into our dressing-room all at once.

The door was being smashed

in... windows were shattered. It was one of the most frightening moments of my life.

It took a baton charge by the police to restore order.

The match itself was played in a very hot, sticky atmosphere, the temperature at kick-off time almost 100 degrees.

A surprisingly good Malaysian side held us to a 1-1 draw. Alan Kennedy put England ahead in the 13th minute. A player named Herro Dahari equalised just before half-time.

Here are the results of the rest of England's games.

Saturday, June 3rd we drew 2-2 with Christchurch United. On June 5th we beat Otago 6-0. June 7th we beat New Zealand 4-0 and 3-1 on Sunday, June 11th. England again defeated New Zealand on June 14th, this time 4-0.

We saved our best performance until the last match of the tour, on Sunday, June 18th v. Singapore, when England won 8-0.

I managed to score six goals on the tour. I only hope I maintain that form in the First Division for Derby County next season.

"Who was the England star of the tour?" is a question from Ken Lloyd from Stoke-on-Trent.

Team-captain Brian Talbot of Ipswich had a tremendous tour, Ken,



Above: Paul Mariner (centre) and Viv Anderson (number 2), two successes of the recent England B tour.
Right: Gordon beats New Zealand full-back Glenn Dodds during England's 3-1 victory.

more than staking a claim for a regular place in the full team.

Noddy's club-mate Paul Mariner came back to form after missing a couple of early matches due to a facial injury.

Manchester City's giant 'keeper Joe Corrigan looked capable of replacing Peter Shilton or Ray Clemence in the "big" team and Forest defender Viv Anderson was brilliant.

But really it's unfair to single anyone out. Every member of the squad had a good tour and proved a worthy ambassador for English football.

During our stay in Wellington, skipper Brian Talbot had a meeting with team-manager Bobby Robson and F.A. official in charge Jack Wiseman, to discuss the possibility of being awarded international caps for our England B appearances.

All the players in the squad



Scoring from the penalty spot... this time against Coventry City.

'TRAPPED BY FANS'



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wanted some recognition for their services.

Bobby Robson said the claim would be put before the full F.A. Committee on our return. Let's hope they vote in our favour.

From the international world of the Far East to the Midlands and Derby County.

Several Rams' fans have written to me for my comments on the Don Masson and Bruce Rioch row with the club.

Sorry, it's not my place to express an opinion on this matter.

All I know is both are on the transfer list and manager Tommy Docherty recently fined Don Masson a couple of weeks wages for comments made in a newspaper article.

I don't know the facts of the situation and it wouldn't be right to pass judgment one way or the other. Anyway, it's nothing to do with me.

But, contrary to their World Cup form, Don and Bruce are fine players and would obviously be a loss to any club.

"I can't believe all the bad things that have been said about Tommy Docherty," writes Dave Darkins from Hornchurch in Essex.

"I was having lunch with my small son in a hotel before a Manchester United v. West Ham match at Old Trafford a year or so ago when Tommy Docherty and Tommy Cavanagh arrived and sat down at a table close by.

"Halfway through his lunch, Tommy spotted my son wearing a West Ham rosette.

"He came over to our table, sat down and spoke to us for about ten

minutes about the game and West Ham in particular.

"Tommy then gave my son his autograph and wished him well.

"The Hammers lost the game, but from that day Tommy Doc won two new fans.

"Can you pass on my regards when you see him please, Gordon?"

Sure I will, Dave.

I must admit The Doc has always been the perfect gentleman to me and my wife Jackie... I can only base my opinion of him on that.

I admire the man tremendously, for what he's done for the game and me personally.

Admittedly Tommy's a Jekyll and Hyde character... warm, generous and friendly one minute; cold, calculating and ruthless the next. But that's what it takes to be a top boss.

I'd say The Doc is a likeable rogue. But an honest one where his players are concerned.

If he's got something to say he'll tell you to your face. At least you know where you stand with him.

Young Sally Bagley from Bourne-mouth wants to know if I'll be moving house now I'm with Derby.

We'll see how it goes, Sally. Jackie and I are very happy in Cheshire at the moment.

My house is about an hour's

drive from Derby which is okay in the good weather.

But the winters up here can be pretty severe, which makes travelling difficult. I'll review the situation around Christmas time.

Mr. R. Whittaker from Groby, Leicester, asks if I've set myself a number of goals to get next season.

No, I don't set targets. I just aim to score as many as I can each term. But I'll be happy if I manage to keep up my average of 20 goals-a-season for Derby next term.

Finally, Gordon Clarke from Derby wants some advice on taking penalties.

"I believe you only missed one for Manchester United, against Man. City last season. So what is your secret?"

Nothing secret about taking spot-kicks, me old son.

It's a one-against-one situation and the penalty-taker has the advantage so he should score.

If a 'keeper saves it, you've either fluffed your kick or he's moved before you touched the ball.

A tip? Well hit the ball hard and fast for either corner. Be positive. Make up your mind where you're going to place the ball. Don't change your mind halfway up to your kick.

Next week I want to talk about the people I admire most in the game. Join me then? Good...

Gordon Hill

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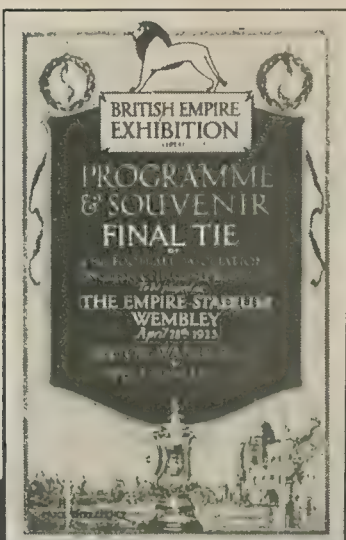
SAFE KEEPING!

MAIN PICTURE . . . Derby County's John Middleton bravely catches the ball despite this strong challenge from Bryan Robson of West Ham. **ABOVE . . .** Everton 'keeper George Wood makes a superb save against Aston Villa. **BELOW . . .** Arsenal's Pat Jennings dives to halt a Nottingham Forest raid.



WITHIN five minutes of the Hull City Football Club at Boothferry Park, stands the Mecca of football programme collecting, The British Programme Collectors' Club. The frontage of the modest premises bely the hive of activity inside, where the needs of thousands of collectors are catered for, seven days a week.

On entrance, which is by appointment only as the club is not open to the general public, I was met by the genial secretary, Mr. Norman Lovett, who has done more than anyone to promote the hobby more and more people, both young and old, are becoming fascinated by. His compact office gives the impression of a living



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room, with a coal fire burning to alleviate any chance of dampness to his collection of some three million programmes, which are bought and sold all over the country, and he revealed only that morning he had purchased a large collection for a minimum payment of £3,500 that awaited the patient sorting of his handful of eager assistants.

To wander through the wall-lined racks of programmes is to wander down football's memory lane. Every F.A. Cup Final programme since 1919 was there together with thousands of pre-War 'gems' that go back as far as 1896, all ready to enhance collections throughout the country.

Escalate

From humble beginnings in 1961, even Norman did not realise how the hobby would escalate in the following years. And with the introduction of other clubs and businesses building up, prices also escalated to the degree it is now not uncommon for up to £75 to be paid for a special rarity such as the 1923 Cup Final — the first at Wembley, and prices are still rising all the time.

Forgeries of various programmes have also been discovered in the last two years and Norman — whilst warning collectors — was instrumental in bringing in the Consumers Protection Department to help stamp this out. He was also instrumental in creating the now generally recog-

nised ground-rules concerning creased, torn, marked or otherwise defaced programmes in that he insists they should be sold for half their value.

The B.P.C.C. has a statutory membership of 400, each of whom receive regular bulletins containing news and views, sale lists, and an auction list for the rarer items — the highest bidder taking the item in question. Generally, though, Norman will do his utmost to help anyone with inquiries provided a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for his reply.

The Club has cut back on the large accumulation of programmes of 1956-1977 period to allow more time and space for pre-1950 items. Shelves are clear of all Reserve programmes since 1950. Norman Lovett's second book, "Programmes and their Prices", is a must for all collectors.

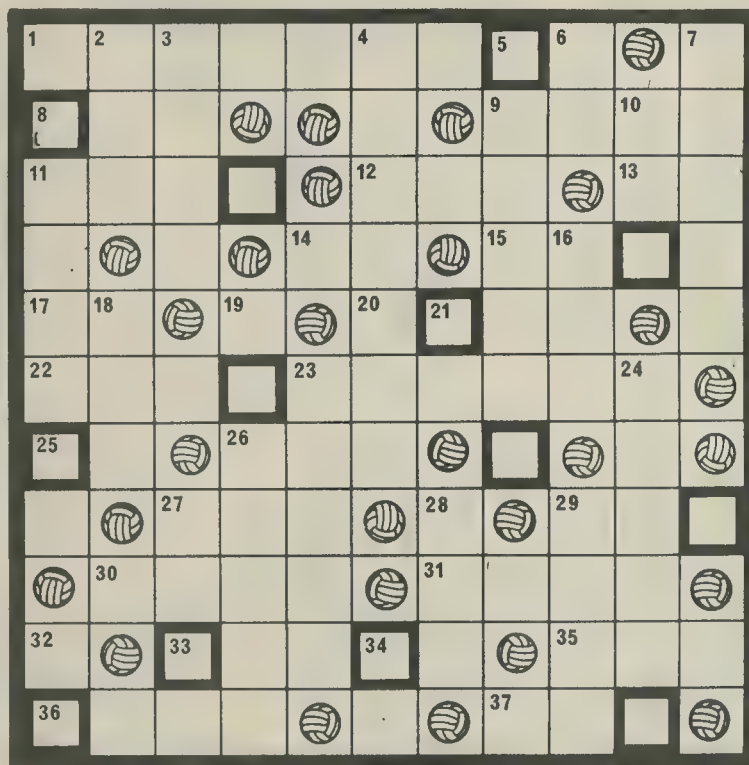
With his life almost totally revolving around the running of the world's premier Programme Club, and loving every minute of it, Norman has had to give up all thoughts of a personal collection and has now amassed an amazing, and valuable collection of 10,000 vintage postcards. He is always willing to receive certain cards for an equivalent value of programmes, so youngsters, go and see what Granny's got, you never know!

Otherwise any other questions or enquiries should be addressed to The British Programme Collectors' Club, 182 Beverley Road, Hessle, Hull, North Humberside, and please don't forget that stamped, addressed envelope.

Ron Neighbour

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Liverpool striker. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Scotland and Partick Thistle goalkeeper. (4 & 5)
- (8) Tony McA--dr-- of Middlesbrough.
- (9) Take four letters from Rangers to give the back position.
- (11) -- Court, home of Bournemouth.
- (12) A--rd--n, Scottish Premier Division club.
- (13) --ood Park (Blackburn Rovers). The omissions in reverse.
- (14) Derek -c-tt of Burnley.
- (15) -- MacLeod, Scotland team-manager.
- (17) --odison Park, Everton.
- (20) Luigi --, former famous Italian goalscorer.
- (22) Liverpool midfield player. (3 & 7)
- (25) David B-r-on; defender with Newcastle United.
- (26) V-ca-ag- Road, home of Watford.
- (27) Follow--rk, Walsall.
- (29) Exe-e- Cit-, from St. James' Park.
- (30) Awards for international appearances.
- (31) Take four letters from Arsenal, in the correct order, for space.
- (33) F.A. Cup winners, 1971/72.
- (35) Neil Wh--mor- of Bolton Wanderers.
- (36) Kevin ----es (Norwich City). Always from the omissions.
- (37) Jack ---urst of Sunderland.

DOWN:—

- (1) Aston Villa Striker. (4 & 4)
- (2) Bob --, Sunderland player.
- (3) Not playing at home!
- (4) Roger --, (Ipswich) scorer of the only goal in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final.
- (5) Roy --, Bolton Wanderers midfielder.
- (6) John O'-ar- of Nottingham Forest.
- (7) A----ome -ark (Middlesbrough). "Seeks for plunder" from the omissions.
- (10) Me-do- -ane, Notts County's ground.
- (16) Frank --mpar- of West Ham United.
- (18) Arbr---h, Scottish club.
- (19) The captain of the team ... by another name!
- (21) Billy --gham of Burnley.
- (23) P-lm---ton Park Qu-en of the South. Rub out from the missing letters.
- (24) Terry --, Coventry City midfielder.
- (27) A player not required by a club might be put up for ----.
- (28) Ne-c--tle United; The Magpies.
- (29) --r-nra-r (Scots Div. II). Refreshments from the omissions.
- (32) Dave Cle--nt of Queens Park Rangers.
- (34) Mick --cherty of Sunderland.

NICK DEACY, the Welsh international who plays for PSV Eindhoven — Dutch Champions and U.E.F.A. Cup winners — talks about his new life on and off the field

"TOUGH DISCIPLINE-AND I MUST SWITCH POSITIONS"

LIFE AT the top doesn't mean you have to live it up, to be seen wining and dining in the best night clubs in between turning on your star performances on the field.

Take Nick Deacy. It's a long way up from little Merthyr in the Southern League, via Hereford United, way down in the English League.

Up in the clouds you might think. You're entitled to think of bright lights when the stadium's name is Philips Sportpark in Eindhoven and your club is the sports club of Philips, the international electric company.

Add to that the fact that the player is doing his bit for Wales as a regular member of their international squad and who can blame you for getting a few wrong ideas about what the bright lights mean to soccer stars.

Oh yes, Deacy has what could be described as a luxury flat. Oh yes, he enjoys a drink, but occasionally and quietly. And when he goes out there is no question of painting the town red.

Let Deacy tell you why. "Of course I enjoy a drink, but I'm a footballer and I've got to watch myself. In any case the discipline at PSV is pretty tough. Our manager, Ben van Gelder, said publicly that he thought we were spending too much time out on the town.

"I like Eindhoven. As I said when I first came here it looks a similar city to Cardiff. But I don't go out so much. When I do it's a quiet drink and a quiet time. The club and football have got to come first."

That's a sound philosophy for a 24-year-old who can look forward to at least another six years as a star performer.

Luxury Flat

So life at the top for Deacy means life at home. Indeed, ring the doorbell at Nick's luxury flat and you might think, judging by his mock apron or what we would call working clobber, you were being invited in by the cook or the cleaner. And you could be so right because Nick looks after himself.

"I like the flat," he says. "It was advertised as a four-room flat, but I've got two living rooms, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. I naturally put mum and dad up when they come over to see me and they love the place."

But being a soccer star living in a luxury flat doesn't mean that you can sink into a smashing armchair while servants do the necessary work.

"Oh no," says Nick. "I don't reckon myself as a great cook, or even a first-class house cleaner. But it's got to be done and I don't mind doing it."

Trips home have become quite regular for Deacy. Says Nick: "Of course a lot of the time is for

internationals, but despite football duties it's nice to visit my folks and my friends quite often.

"We had a couple of weeks mid-season break at Christmas. At that stage of the season it does you good to have a short rest and, of course, in my case it meant I could spend Christmas with my parents. I'm sure the lads in the English League would love a break at Christmas. But don't forget your League is such a big one. There are so many games to fit in that if you had a break at home the lads might well have to carry on playing League games through May and possibly into June."

Deacy's trips to report for duty with Wales suggest that life is indeed rosy for him. But when you are playing for a team as good as PSV there's no question of strolling out on to the park every weekend like a king among the peasants.

Let Deacy tell you — and surprise you — about the tough side of life at the top. "I've got a year of my contract with them left. When I first settled in here I was quite happy to sit in the dugout. After all that means you are a regular in the first-team squad. And in any case in Holland we are allowed to use any two substitutes from the five named who sit in the dugout.

"But take last season for instance. I played in only 12 of the first 17 games so I cannot regard myself as a 100 per cent regular



when I still got left out some of the time.

"Then there is another thing. Where am I supposed to play? I can understand the folks back home, plus those who remember me when I played for Merthyr and Hereford, believing I am just a front runner.

"Believe it or not this is not true. I've been playing just about everywhere.

"Earlier in the season we went to Amsterdam and beat Ajax on their own ground 4-1. Where was I? Well, I mixed it up a bit by combining the role of left-back and left midfield. In a U.E.F.A. Cup game in Germany I was outside-right. Against FC Utrecht in a Dutch League game I played centre-forward in the first half and centre-half in the second.

"I just never know where I am going to play, except goalkeeper. Of course. Jan van Beveren, our 'keeper, is a Dutch international, and I don't reckon I could do much between the posts.

Restricted

"To be honest, I just enjoy playing football. In our team you are not restricted to go forward if you are playing at the back.

"To be honest again, since I wasn't a first-team regular last season, I've got to see how things work out before I decide about my future. It's a bit worrying when you get left out of the side.

"At least there was no mickey-taking among our players about the fact that Holland went to the World Cup Finals in Argentina, but Wales didn't. In the English League you get it all the time. It's good fun and you accept it as such, but it's not usual here.

"I'll say this, Holland produce a lot of good characters on the field. They are not just stars out there to entertain. They'll go out to fight for their country, and as you know when it comes to something as big as the World Cup this attitude means a lot.

"As far as Wales is concerned our 1-1 draw in West Germany early in December gave us a lot of heart and proved that we were unlucky to lose to Scotland because of controversial decisions by the ref. Still, that is football, and the important thing is that Wales have a regular squad, a fantastic team spirit and thanks to that game we are back in the limelight.

"What about advice to players who would like to come to Holland if they are released on a free transfer or available at a fee? It's difficult, but I can say it helped me to have no responsibility when the PSV offer came out of the blue. I have no regrets, it has helped my career and helped me into the Wales team."

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HOW MUCH does a team rely on one goalscorer to win the Championship of the First Division?

Our chart listing the total goals scored by each title-winning team and the individual tally of their top scorers gives the fascinating answer.

Brian Clough, who is a great believer in team-work, will not mind the fact that his Nottingham Forest team set up a new low record for the First Division since the First World War when the Division was increased to 22 clubs.

The 12 goals each from Forest's Peter Withe and John Robertson was the lowest top score in a 42-match programme for the First Division.

But before you come to the conclusion that it is just another sign of the goal decline, take a look at the 1933-34 season. Then Arsenal won the second of what was to be a hat-trick of league titles.

Cliff Bastin and Ray Bowden were joint top scorers with 13 goals each out of a total of 75.

That low total of 13 was to stand until the 1976-77 season when Kevin Keegan netted the same number as Liverpool won their second Championship on the trot.

From the lowest to the highest. It is no surprise to see William "Dixie" Dean way out in front. His 60 League goals in 1927-28 is well chronicled.

But the second highest total is 44, also scored by Dean, and it clinched the title for Everton again in 1931-32.

Dean's total is a far cry from those set up in the past seven seasons when not one top scorer for the Champions reached even a third of his record-breaking total.

The last of the big scorers for title winners was Roger Hunt, a member of England's World Cup winning team of 1966, although for some unknown reason he is likely to be the last name you think of when you try to remember that side.

Excellent

But as Liverpool roared to First Division titles in 1963-64 and 1965-66, Hunt had an excellent average compared with his team's total.

In 1963-64 Hunt scored 31 out of 92, and two years later hit 30 out of 79. Hunt also holds the Liverpool scoring record when he got 41 League goals as the club won promotion to Division One in 1961-62. In all, Hunt scored 245 League goals for Liverpool.

Contrast those two Hunt tallies with the last three Liverpool triumphs. In 1972-73 Kevin Keegan top-scored with 14 out of 72 and notice that team total is only seven goals less than when Hunt got 30 goals in 1965-66.

Three seasons later, Liverpool lifted the title again and John Toshack scored 16 out of 66. A year later in 1976-77, Liverpool won the Championship again — but this time with the lowest-ever total of goals by a winning team, 62. Out of which Keegan was top with 13.

So let us look back at some of the previous top scorers of the Champions. We start with Fred Morris who hit 37 goals in West

CHAMPIONS' ARE COOLING



Bromwich Albion's Championship season of 1919-20, the first of the 42-game Division.

Morris had boosted his total of goals with five in a 8-0 home win v Notts County. He won two England caps, and later played for Coventry City.

It is significant that when the offside-law was altered for the 1925-26 season, the goalscoring rate shot up. The law was changed so that an attacker could be offside with only two defenders instead of three between him and the goal-line.

Old or new law, the 1925-26 term saw Huddersfield Town complete the first ever hat-trick of League Championships and leading scorer for them was George Brown with 35 goals.

Brown had equalled the Huddersfield club scoring record with

Former Everton forward Dixie Dean (above) scored 60 League goals in 1927-28 which still stands as a record number of goals in a season. Raich Carter (right) and Bob Gurney of Sunderland each netted 31 goals in the Roker Park's League Championship win in 1935-36.

that total, which still stands.

Jack Charlton is the toast of Sheffield Wednesday after guiding the Yorkshire club to a safe position in the Third Division in 1977-78. But between 1928-30 another Jack was the hero of Hillsborough.

He was Jack Allen who led the scoring for Wednesday in both of their successive Championship wins. In 1928-29, Allen collected 33 and a year later topped that total by one.

When Arsenal won the first of their eight Championships in 1930-31, they set up a new record for the First Division with 127 goals.

Top scorer for them was Jack Lambert with 38. As Arsenal marched almost victorious through the 1930's, other great Arsenal goalscorers like Cliff Bastin and Ted Drake joined the honours list.

There is a link between the top scorers for Sunderland in 1935-36 and Manchester City the following season.

Sharing the goal chase with Bob Gurney for the Roker Park club was Raich Carter with 31 goals.

A year later Peter Doherty scored 30 as Manchester City took the title. The tie-up came in the first season after World War Two when both Carter and Doherty



HOT-SHOTS DOWN



played together with Derby County and helped them win the F.A. Cup in 1945.

They say on Merseyside that Albert Stubbins was one of the unluckiest players never to become a full England international. The red-haired centre had a superb eye for a goal chance, and even scoring five goals for the Football League in a match against the Irish League on October 18th, 1950, in a 6-3 victory failed to win him a cap.

Stubbins shared top spot with Jack Balmer on 24 goals as Liverpool won the first Championship after World War Two. Liverpool had paid Newcastle £13,000 for Stubbins in September, 1946, and in his first two seasons at Anfield he scored 50 goals in only 76 League games.

Then came a great pair of scorers from Manchester United. In 1951-52 Jack Rowley scored 30 out of 95, and in 1955-56 came Tommy Taylor.

FAR LEFT . . . Liverpool players celebrate another Roger Hunt (second left) goal v. Chelsea. **Left . . .** Derby midfielder Bruce Rioch found the net on 15 occasions in 1974-75.

BELOW . . . Forest on the way to winning the League Championship last season. John Robertson, Forest winger shoots past Everton 'keeper from the penalty-spot towards his goals tally of 12.



SEASON	PLAYER	CHAMPIONS	TOP SCORER	TEAM TOTAL	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
1919-20	Fred Morris	West Brom. A.	37	104	Len Duquemin & Sonny Walters	Jack Rowley	Doug Lishman	Johnny Hancocks & Dennis Wilshaw	Roy Bentley	Tommy Taylor	Billy Whelan	Jimmy Murray	Jimmy Murray	John Connelly	Bobby Smith	Ray Crayford	Roy Vernon	Roger Hunt	Denis Law	Roger Hunt	Denis Law	Neil Young	Mick Jones	Joe Royle	Ray Kennedy	Alan Hinton	Kevin Keegan	Mick Jones	Bruce Rioch	John Toshack	Kevin Keegan	John Robertson & Peter Withe
1920-21	Joe Anderson	Burnley	25	79	Tottenham	Man. U.	Arsenal	Wolves	Chelsea	Man. U.	Man. U.	Wolves	Wolves	Burnley	Tottenham	Ipswich Town	Everton	Liverpool	Man. U.	Liverpool	Man. U.	Man. C.	Leeds Utd	Everton	Arsenal	Derby Co.	Liverpool	Leeds Utd	Derby Co.	Liverpool	Liverpool	
1921-22	Harry Chambers	Liverpool	19	63	15	30	22	25	21	25	26	29	21	20	28	33	24	31	28	30	23	19	14	23	20	15	14	15	16	13	12	
1922-23	Harry Chambers	Liverpool	23	70	82	95	97	96	81	83	103	103	110	85	115	93	84	92	89	79	84	86	66	72	71	69	72	72	66	66	62	
1923-24	Charlie Wilson	Huddersfield T.	18	60																												
1924-25	Charlie Wilson	Huddersfield T.	24	69																												
1925-26	George Brown	Huddersfield T.	35	92																												
1926-27	Hughie Gallacher	Newcastle U.	36	96																												
1927-28	Dixie Dean	Everton	60	102																												
1928-29	Jack Allen	Sheff. Wed.	33	86																												
1929-30	Jack Allen	Sheff. Wed.	34	105																												
1930-31	Jack Lambert	Arsenal	38	127																												
1931-32	Dixie Dean	Everton	44	116																												
1932-33	Cliff Bastin	Arsenal	33	118																												
1933-34	Cliff Bastin & Ray Bowden	Arsenal	13	75																												
1934-35	Ted Drake	Arsenal	42	115																												
1935-36	Ralph Carter & Bob Gurney	Sunderland	31	109																												
1936-37	Peter Doherty	Man. C.	30	107																												
1937-38	Ted Drake	Arsenal	17	77																												
1938-39	Tommy Lawton	Everton	35	88																												
1946-47	Jack Bulmer & Albert Stubbins	Liverpool	24	84																												
1947-48	Ronnie Rooke	Arsenal	33	81																												
1948-49	Peter Harris & Doug Reid	Portsmouth	17	84																												
1949-50	Ike Clarke	Portsmouth	17	74																												

Think of Barnsley and you probably think of TV interviewer Michael Parkinson, but Tommy, so tragically killed in the Munich air crash of 1958 was also from the Yorkshire town and really put the place on the map with his scoring exploits.

Manchester United paid £29,999 to Barnsley for Taylor in 1953 and he repaid the Old Trafford club by scoring most for them in their title-winning season of 1955-56.

More recent names are Bobby Smith (Tottenham), Ray Crawford (Ipswich) and Denis Law (Man. Utd) before the current crop of players come into the records.

An interesting sidelight is that in the 52 seasons played since 1919-20, only eight times has the leading goalscorer for the Champions been the First Division's leading marksman.

The eight: Morris (W.B.A.) 1919-20, Dean (Everton) 1927-28 and 1931-32, Drake (Arsenal) 1934-35, Lawton (Everton) 1938-39, Rooke (Arsenal) 1947-48, Crawford (Ipswich — joint top with Kevan (W.B.A.) 1961-62, Hunt (Liverpool) 1965-66.

new manager Bobby Smith

IN SIX months the world of Bobby Smith, Swindon Town's exuberant new manager, turned completely upside-down.

Last November he was sacked by Bury. Inside 24 hours he moved to Port Vale and at the end of last season the much-sought-after young manager took over at the County Ground.

"A lot of things have happened to me during that time," says Bob. "In the first place I never wanted to leave Bury. I'd been there four-and-a-half years. I loved the club and liked the players I was working with. I felt we were building something and were on the threshold of making the breakthrough to the Second Division.

"We didn't have much money to spend on quality players like some other Third Division clubs. We had to search about and look at lads playing Sunday League football in Liverpool. We discovered Pete Farrell, Alan Woolfall and Brian Stanton.

"This made the job all the more



WANTS TO PUT THE 'WIN' IN SWINDON

compelling. We were competing against the bigger clubs with players groomed by ourselves.

"With the help of Billy Rudd and Dennis Butler I didn't only feel I'd done a good job at Gigg Lane; I knew it. We had a good staff off the field and I thought we had a good set of players. They needed improving — we knew that and I was in the middle of trying to strengthen the side when the axe fell."

How did it happen? "The Shakers hadn't won a match in eight outings, but we'd drawn about five of them," explained Bob. "Port Vale came in and asked for permission to speak to me. I was shocked when the Bury chairman agreed.

"As I've said I was happy at Gigg Lane and didn't really want to leave.

"I told the chairman if he wanted me to go he'd have to sack me. Which he did! It happened very, very quickly and came as a complete surprise.

"I became manager of Port Vale and it wasn't a good experience because we took the big drop. I've never been part of a relegation outfit before, but we tried our best and failed. To be fair I had five months with the club, which isn't any length of time, and it was a struggle all season.

"Then in stepped the chairman of Swindon. He felt I'd done a good job at Bury and was looking for a young manager to get things moving.

"They have a very progressive and enthusiastic board of directors. They're encouraging me to strengthen the pool of players that we have with any player who I think fits the bill."

What happened to Danny Williams? "He's the chief scout and he'll be looking at players. I think Danny's judgment has always been good. And to quote his own words, 'I'm here to help you in any

way that you want me to."

"I've only seen the team play in opposition when we met them at Port Vale and beat them 1-0. I think they're a very good side. There are one or two areas that need to be improved upon — especially away from home. That's where Swindon have fallen down over the past two or three seasons. They've always had a good home record, but never won enough points away."

Bob has appointed Wilf Tranter, the ex-Manchester United player, as his first-team coach.

"I regard him nearly as highly as Dennis Butler, who worked with me at Bury and Port Vale. I've known of his qualities for a long time and the opportunity has now come. He was one of the youngest players to get his full F.A. coaching badge.

"I would have brought Dennis, but he was the obvious choice to take over at Port Vale. He's taken the plunge, so I offered Wilf the job and he accepted.

"I've inherited a great bunch of players and, as always, I'm very enthusiastic at the prospect of working with them. I can't wait for the season to start again. There's only Dave Moss who has left and he wanted to go before I arrived. We sold him for £110,000 to Luton. Apart from that everybody else has signed new contracts."

How does Bob think Swindon will perform next season? "We needed a couple of new signings that's for sure. I was lucky to get Brian Williams from Q.P.R. for £50,000, he has First Division experience. We're also short of forward strength. If I can sign another quality player, then we've as good a chance as any team in the Division. I'm very confident.

"On a personal note I regard the six months dilemma as water under the bridge. In the end it's worked out tremendously well."

CAN JOCK WALLACE, THE NEW BOSS AT FILBERT STREET WHO TOOK PREVIOUS CLUB RANGERS TO A REMARKABLE 'TREBLE-WIN', PUT

LIFE INTO LEICESTER?

JOCK Wallace, the strict Scot who has just taken over at Leicester City, predicts that they will be one of the fittest sides in the Second Division, "tuned to the peak of condition", when the new campaign opens in August.

Wallace, a hard disciplinarian who took Rangers to the Scottish treble last season, has already ordered his players in for training twice a week since he took over at Filbert Street a month ago.

He says: "It's not only given me a chance to get to know the players but also a lot of hard pre-season work, which we would have done in a month's time, has already been got out of the way.

"Ask anybody who knew my style in Scotland and they would have told you that Rangers were one of the fittest teams about and that's the way I want it and am going to get it at Leicester."

The no-nonsense Wallace, a tracksuit manager who likes to get involved himself on the training field, adds: "I am over the moon by what I have seen so far at Leicester. We have got a few players out in America but I have been greatly encouraged by the attitude of the others who have all been in.



Above . . . Manager Jock Wallace had Leicester training in the summer. Below . . . Defender Steve Sims will be fit for the new season.

Potential

"I am a great one for discipline at a club, and in the short time I have been here at Leicester I can already see this being introduced. The players and I already know where we stand with each other. I have got a good idea of what potential there is and what has to be done."

Wallace refuses to get carried away by the signs of improvement already in evidence at Leicester and quickly gets annoyed when he is asked to forecast how his side will fare next season.

He raps: "It's no good asking me how we are going to do. I don't make bold predictions like some other managers, but all I will say is that from what I have seen there is something to build on."

Wallace's summer preparations have been boosted by the news that two of his key players who underwent close season operations are well on the mend.

His commanding centre-back Steve Sims needed cartilage surgery after turning a knee during the England "B" tour of the Far East and lanky striker Roger Davies has had two bunions removed.

Wallace happily announced: "Both are coming on just fine and should be raring to go by the start of the season."

And it seems likely that not only Sims and Davies will be raring to go, but the whole of the super-fit Leicester squad who could just take the Second Division by storm next season and bounce straight back into the top sphere.



Tartan Talk

JOHN GREIG



Scotland fought bravely against Holland in their final Group Four match. Although beating the Dutch 3-2 the Scots went out on goal difference.

'NOTHING COMPLETELY NEW...'

WELL, that's another World Cup over and done with. Heroes became has-beens, good players became superstars and dreams turned into nightmares all in that hectic, frenzied burst of activity in Argentina.

There were many points to enjoy in the tournament, but I don't think we really saw anything completely new. Holland played the way we expected them to, West Germany certainly missed players of the calibre of my old friends Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller and Argentina, with those incredible fans behind them, played every game at 100 miles per hour.

I was a bit disappointed in the free-kick situations. I expected to see some new moves in this field, but, sadly, no one seems to have developed anything fresh here.

The Brazilians, of course, can bend balls round just about any defensive wall, but I was looking for quick thrusting patterns in other situations when a shot at goal just wasn't on. I didn't see many.

In fact, some of the shooting was diabolical. One man who can't be faulted for that is Holland's Arie Haan, who scored two of the best goals I have ever seen in the games against West Germany and Italy.

The amazing thing about both those goals was the fact Haan had the confidence to have a go from long range against two very capable and experienced goalkeepers in West Germany's Sepp Maier and Italy's Dino Zoff.

Maier, of course, hadn't lost a



goal in the tournament until that shot from Haan exploded behind him. The West German defence backed-off when Haan started his run and they were found looking on helplessly when he blasted it from about 25 yards out and Maier didn't have a chance as it flashed into the net.

His other goal was another cracker, a real gem. No-one picked

him up, but, really, there was no danger threatening considering he was about 40 yards out. He looked up, decided to have a shot, let another right foot howitzer go and Zoff looked startled.

He was a bit slow in reacting to the danger and by the time he had started to throw himself across his goal the ball was raging over his shoulder into the net.

Johnny Rep, too, has scored some nice goals in this tournament. The one he got against Scotland was a bit special, I'm sorry to say. Scotland, remember, were winning 3-1 and another goal from them would have put them through to the next stage and knocked out the Dutch.

Rep, though, took the pressure off his mates when he picked up a short pass from his captain Ruud Krol, ran at the defence and let fly from 25 yards. Alan Rough went flat out, but there was no way that shot was going anywhere but the top right hand corner of the net. What a pity!

And if we're talking about goals we must mention Archie Gemmill's magnificent solo effort against the Dutch. Wee Archie was absolutely superb and, for me, it was the goal of the tournament.

Two exciting individuals to be thrown up by the World Cup were Argentina's front men Leopoldo Luque and Mario Kempes. I could watch this pair all night they are so good.

Luque is a right-sided player while Kempes is all left-foot. The combination was really dazzling... I'm sure a lot of defences will testify to that.

On the theme of World Cup characters I can't possibly miss out the one and only Ramon Quiroga, that astonishing goalkeeper of Peru. When I saw him at first against Scotland I thought we might put a few past him. For a start he just didn't look like a goalkeeper!

After Joe Jordan scored in the 15th minute, Quiroga had a fine save from Kenny Dalglish, then, in the second-half, he had a wonderful tip-over effort from Jordan to be followed with his penalty-kick save from Don Masson. A good goalkeeper on the night, but he looked a different man against Brazil when Peru lost 3-0, didn't he? Nothing went right that evening.

Anyway, he was a real personality. Imagine a goalkeeper being booked as he was for a challenge in the other team's half of the field! Ramon Quiroga, I had never heard of you before the Finals, but now you are one of my top characters!

Football could do with more of his kind. They would put a smile back on soccer's face...

John Greig

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
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ARGENTINA DESERVED THEIR SUCCESS

HISTORY has a habit of repeating itself, so perhaps we shouldn't be too surprised that Argentina won the 1978 World Cup. In hindsight, their name was always destined to be on the trophy and in a generally disappointing competition, few will argue that the right team won.

Argentina may not be a truly great side, but their approach to the World Cup was in the true spirit of the game. They set out to win every game by as many goals as possible, probably the only way they could have played bearing in mind their uncertain defence.

As usual, the hosts had every break going. England had it in 1966, West Germany in 1974. Now, it was Argentina's turn. They were "given" a penalty against France when the ball hit Tresor's hand. France, in turn, were refused a penalty that had it been the other way, the referee would definitely have awarded it.

In the Final, itself, Argentina were assisted by a dreadful display of refereeing by the Italian official, who was quickly intimidated by the atmosphere. It must be said the Dutch were no angels and deserve much of what they got, but the referee and linesman Linimayr were pathetic. Luis Galvan twice stopped the ball with his hand, yet no yellow card was shown. Had a Dutch defender done likewise, he would almost definitely have been rightly cautioned.

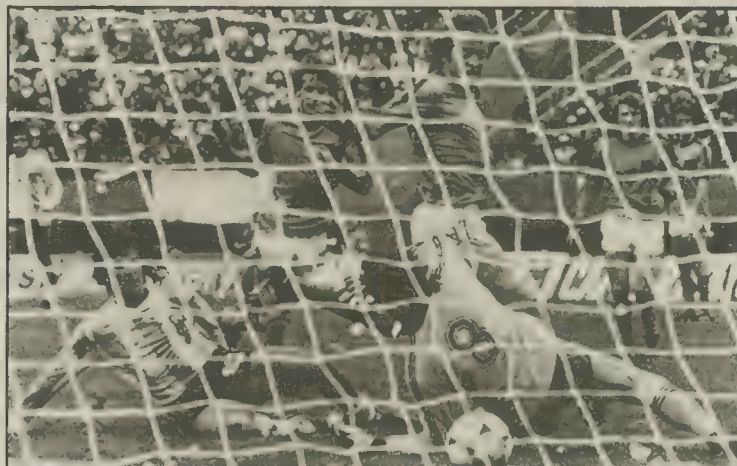
It wasn't so much Argentina who beat Holland, but Mario Kempes, the new superstar of world soccer. In two flashes of individual brilliance, he won the Final Argentina could have lost. Kempes was rarely less than superb throughout the entire tournament and at 23 could become one of the all-time great forwards.

Admired

Cesar Luis Menotti, the Argentina manager, is to be admired for the way he has developed his side. He didn't have a Beckenbauer or a Cruyff to build it around, so he got together a group of players who were prepared to run until they dropped.

World Cup winners usually set patterns for the future and while Argentina still have many of their niggly habits, overall their players were a good example to the rest.

The night of June 25th had to be experienced to fully appreciate the meaning of being World Champions. Millions of people flocked to the streets wearing blue and white, singing, chanting, banging drums and crying with joy. Just imagine it... millions of soccer fans walking around the streets without a single hint of trouble. And the English called them "animals". The hypocrisy is almost laughable.



MENOTTI- A LESSON IN SURVIVAL

ALL the fears that the World Cup Finals would be ruined by terrorism were completely unfounded. There were problems covering the tournament as the authorities kept Pressmen waiting long hours for tickets etc. Overall, though, Argentina are to be congratulated on the way they handled the Finals, and as a neutral observer, I was glad to see the hosts take the trophy, for after four weeks with the Argentine people I'd become infatuated by their willingness to make everyone from overseas feel welcome.

The World Cup was not an outstanding one, however. Too many teams disappointed — Scotland, West Germany, Sweden and Poland, for instance. The minnows from Tunisia, and, until the Second Round, Peru, caught one's eye.

Italy started well, but faded sharply. Brazil could have done better, but a negative outlook and internal squabbling cost them dearly.

Quality

There were some very exciting games. But too many of these were exciting simply because of the spectacle not the quality of the football. There were no teams to compare with the giants of '74... Holland, Germany, Poland, Sweden and even Argentina at times.

Also, apart from Mario Kempes, no player emerged to join the ranks of the superstars. In '74, we had Francisco Marinho, Lato, Gadocha, Deyna, Bonhof, Edstrom and others. In Argentina, there were more disappointments than successes.

The standard of refereeing was poor, too. Body checking often went unpunished. Officials were reluctant to show the yellow card when it was deserved. It was rare to see a player beating two opponents.

There is also a strong case for having linesmen who are not referees in future. A linesman's job is specialised and it is asking too much of even the top referees to revert to a job they haven't done for years. Linesmen can be very influential in crucial decisions, as

Above... Argentina are on their way to the world crown as Kempes gives them the lead v Holland in the Final.

Below... Luis Menotti smokes yet another cigarette as he masterminds Argentina's triumph.



we saw in the Final, and F.I.F.A. would be well-advised to consider a change for Spain '82.

The biggest lesson learnt from 1978 is that there has been a levelling out of the standard of world football. The top sides from the recent past have slipped while those on the way up haven't quite shown their full potential. Hence, any one of six or seven sides could have won in Argentina, given a little luck and a few breaks. This made for a close and often exciting competition, but one lacking in real class.

Let's hope that by 1982 world soccer is given a giant boost by another Brazil of 1970, West Germany of 1972 or Holland of 1974. Let's also hope that British football is better represented and Scotland have a chance to make amends for their Argentina nightmare.

The mere fact that Cesar Luis Menotti was still coach of Argentina for the 1978 World Cup Finals was an achievement in itself. Menotti is his country's longest serving manager with a mere four years' service, and during his early days had to overcome the sort of pressure and criticism that is unique to Latin football.

The 39-year-old chain-smoking Menotti dared to change Argentine football. He gave his team the best of the European qualities although, unlike Brazil, he never deserted the natural South American skilful approach of his players.

Slowly but surely Menotti won his battle and when Argentina

overcame Holland in that memorable Final in the River Plate Stadium it was a triumph for football.

The morals were there for all to see: Don't panic and fire your coach if things go wrong early on. Give the National team every assistance, which the clubs and F.A. did. And most important, perhaps, approach every game with the attitude that if you score more goals than your opponents you'll always win.

After the Final, a happy Menotti met the world's Press, who gave him a standing ovation as he walked into the conference room. He said: "I am delighted that we have shown people that with talent, courage, individual skill and — work it is possible to win the World Cup. They were the qualities I tried to instill in my side."

"Also, I am proud of the way my players conducted themselves, often in the face of severe provocation from tough opponents. Having said that, I don't think our opponents, especially the Europeans played with evil intent; it's simply that they have a different style."

"We were in the most difficult qualifying group, with Italy, France and Hungary. Yet our football was always highly competitive. We could not display our best football in every match because the opposition would not let us. In the Final, we were able to work effectively in counter-attacks and at times play what I thought was exciting, offensive soccer."

"I do not wish to single out individuals because in my view no single player has ever been able to shine without good collective support. A player is just part of the team."

Careers abroad

The tragedy for Argentina is that their World Cup side will, in all probability, never play together again. As usual, all the best players will leave their country to further their careers abroad, notably in Spain. Bertoni and Tarantini fixed themselves up almost immediately, Kempes was already in Valencia and others such as Luque, Passarella, are high on top clubs' shopping lists.

Menotti continued: "This would cause many problems. June 25th should have been the beginning of an era, but perhaps it was the end."

"In 1967, for instance, Argentine players with foreign clubs gave the world 360 goals. When a player leaves Argentina, not only do we lose a star, but a soccer master whose experience is vital to his country's soccer."

"Being the national coach is very demanding because of the great effort demanded by the work. If I were to continue, much consideration would have to be given in this respect."

"At the moment I just want to get away and take a long holiday. I want to go home, open a wardrobe and not find a footballer in it."

"However, just as a player is only part of a team, I put myself in the same position. Victory has been a triumph for everyone concerned. I want to thank the fans for their support throughout the World Cup. Without their backing our victory may not have been possible."

HOLLAND SUBSTITUTE BRAWN FOR SKILL

FOR the second successive World Cup, Holland finished in second place and while just about everyone sympathised with them in West Germany, their defeat by Argentina cannot receive the same reaction.

In 1974 the Dutch played easily the best football, yet lost. This time, they did not have the truly great player (Cruyff) to guide them and added steel to their skill and courage. Too often, though, they were over-physical and even allowing for a third-rate referee and linesman in the Final, Holland were still the aggressors most of the time.

It wasn't just against Argentina. They'd shown all along that they weren't too concerned about playing their total football presumably, because it didn't win the World Cup in '74. In this World Cup, they showed determination and will-power yet spoilt themselves with unnecessary fouls.

Holland played some of the best football of the Finals. In the Final, itself, they were the better team for long periods, yet Cruyff wasn't there to run the show and supply the know-how the side lacked.

"Own ideas"

Rinus Michels, Holland's '74 coach, says: "The '78 team did not achieve the level of the side in West Germany. Of course, every coach has his own ideas and I'm not criticising Ernst Happel. It is still a fact, though, that he did not have Cruyff or Van Hanegam who did so much for me four years ago."

"There was no secret to our football of 1974. We had a group of very good players of roughly the same age and I'd worked with most of them at Ajax."

The moody, unsmiling Happel won few friends in Argentina. As a Public Relations man he was a failure, a sharp contrast to the players who were keen to co-operate with Pressmen.

However, in a rare interview Happel said: "I would have preferred more time to build up a deeper relationship with my players. I have always felt as a club coach that it takes six months to get to know your players."

"My experience at club level enables me to build up respect from players during this period and become an 'older friend'."

"I like to run my teams my way, at Bruges I have no interference at all from the directors. They are not allowed in the dressing-room and when we travel away, they even stay in a different hotel."

"With this in mind, I never make excuses when we lose. Naturally, I have my private opinions, but once something has happened it can't be changed."

"Perhaps the era of total football is over, I don't know. Certainly there doesn't seem to be anything new happening in soccer right now. Brazil gave us 4-2-4, England showed us in '66 that 4-3-3 can be successful."

"Whatever tactics you like, you can only carry them out if you have the right players. They dictate everything you do and if a side attempts to play a game alien to its natural formation it will fail."

Indirectly, this was a condemnation of Holland who, had they placed all the efforts towards playing skilful soccer and less rough-stuff, could have beaten Argentina. It's sad that the revolutionary football of the Dutch hasn't succeeded at international level. After two World Cup Final defeats, one wonders how Holland will approach the European Championship campaign which starts next season.

BRAZIL FINISH THIRD-BUT DISAPPOINT

FOR Brazil, the 1978 World Cup Finals were both a success and failure. They were the only team not to lose a game, and having played seven matches against the world's best, that was, as coach Coutinho said: "A victory in itself."

Brazil, however, did not win the World Cup and in a country that

believes it has a divine right to such triumphs, this was a disaster.

Brazil were a mixture of brilliance and mediocrity in Argentina. They seemed hypnotised by the thought of losing at times, and played a defensive game completely alien to their natural skills. Having said that, Brazil defended strongly and their players showed they can adapt their game... but at a cost.

Yet at other times, the three-times World Champions showed the sort of technique only they can. We were left with memories of some marvellous goals, notably free-kicks by Dirceu and Nelinho.

But why did Brazil fail? First, people tend to think of Brazil as being soccer Gods — the ultimate in football. They were in 1970 when they won the World Cup with surely the best-ever team seen in soccer. That was eight years ago and in all probability there will never be another side like that.

Brazil, 1978, could still have won the World Cup, though. They misread the tournament and went out to play a European-type containing game leaving skilful players, such as Rivelino, on the sidelines.

Why Rivelino didn't play all through is a mystery. No one believes the official line of Coutinho that he had an ankle injury. One rumour suggested the 32-year-old midfielder was being kept for the Final, which seems both crazy and unprofessional. The more likely answer is that Coutinho and Rivelino didn't get on... a clash of personalities and a difference of opinion regarding tactics.

With Rivelino included, Brazil always looked a better side. He came on in the second-half against Italy in the third-place match and immediately made his presence felt, both skilfully and physically.

He made Brazil's winner for Dirceu and in a short while showed that he still has one of the best soccer brains in the world. Rivelino has almost certainly played his last game for his country and it's a pity this great player bowed out in the way he did... under a storm of controversy.

The inevitable internal "political" squabbling in the Brazilian camp during the tournament did not help. Coutinho was relieved of his duties during the First Round and a selection committee picked the side, with Coutinho just one voice.

The Brazilians made few friends in Argentina (not that they have many there soccer-wise anyway) with their bad sportsmanship. The Brazilian Press started a rumour that Argentina's Mario Kempes had failed a dope test. There were bribe stories regarding the Peru goalkeeper for the crucial game against Argentina. After that match, the Brazilians suggested Peru hadn't put up much of a fight. They obviously forgot that Peru could have been two-up inside 15 minutes... or do they honestly believe Oblitas meant to hit the post rather than score?

Brazil did improve as the World Cup progressed, although even though the quality of their football rose, their tempers were rarely below boiling point.

The Brazilian player of today has a mean streak in him, as we saw at Wembley, and too often this was more evident than the Samba-soccer we have loved in the past.

Brazil must do two things: Forget the superteam of 1970 and stop all comparisons with it. Secondly, stop believing that the World Cup is theirs. They must fight for it the same as everyone else. Having won the World Cup means nothing afterwards, as England have found out.

To finish third in a World Cup would be a success for many countries, but not in Brazil. Stories that fans have committed suicide because of their team's showing may be untrue, but right now there is a dark cloud over soccer in Brazil.

Coutinho has resigned, saying: "My work is over." Good luck to his successor — he'll need it.



Above... The Brazilian players celebrate winning third place after their victory over Italy, but they disappointed.

Below... The World's Press voted Argentina's Ubaldo Fillol as their number one keeper.



THE WORLD CUP XI OF 1978

SHOOT asked 100 Journalists who covered the World Cup Finals to name their team of the tournament. Here is their team, with the number of votes each player collected:

FILLOL — 55 (Argentina)			
SARA — 31 (Austria)	BELLUGI — 53 (Italy)	KROL — 76 (Holland)	TARANTINI — 79 (Argentina)
BONIEK — 38 (Poland)	BENETTI — 33 (Italy)	DIRCEU — 68 (Brazil)	
CAUSIO — 81 (Italy)	ROSSI — 86 (Italy)	KEMPES — 100 (Argentina)	

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Wigan Athletic were recently voted into the Football League. (a) Which club did they replace, (b) were they formerly a Southern, Northern Premier or Central League side and (c) who were the previous non-League club admitted to the League?

2. Which two clubs will contest the F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley before the start of next season?

3. Southampton midfielder star Alan Ball (right), playing in America during the summer, was appointed player-manager of his club in the North American Soccer League. Was it Philadelphia Fury, the Cosmos or Chicago Sting?

4. John Roberts has played for Arsenal, Wrexham, Swansea City, Northampton Town and Birmingham City during his League career, but not in that order. Can you rearrange them correctly?

5. Tottenham became the first British club to win a European trophy when they beat Atletico Madrid or Real Madrid 4-0 or 5-1 in 1961-62 or 1962-63?



6. Which of these clubs has never won the Scottish Cup — Queen's Park, Raith Rovers or St. Mirren?

7. Can you name the two stars who picked up SHOOT's Most Exciting English and Scottish Players of the Year awards in 1976-77?

8. Jim Montgomery (left), Dick Malone, Ron Guthrie, Mick Horswill, Dave Watson, Richie Pitt, Bobby Kerr, Billy Hughes, Vic Halom, Ian Porterfield and Dennis Tueart appeared together in an F.A. Cup Final. Can you name (a) the club and (b) the side they beat 1-0 at Wembley Stadium?

9. What is wrong with this statement? Bill Dodgin is manager of AFC Bournemouth.

10. In which countries do the following clubs play? (a) PSV Eindhoven, (b) Odense BK, (c) Bordeaux and (d) Boavista Porto.

ANSWERS

1. (a) Southport, (b) Northern Pre-
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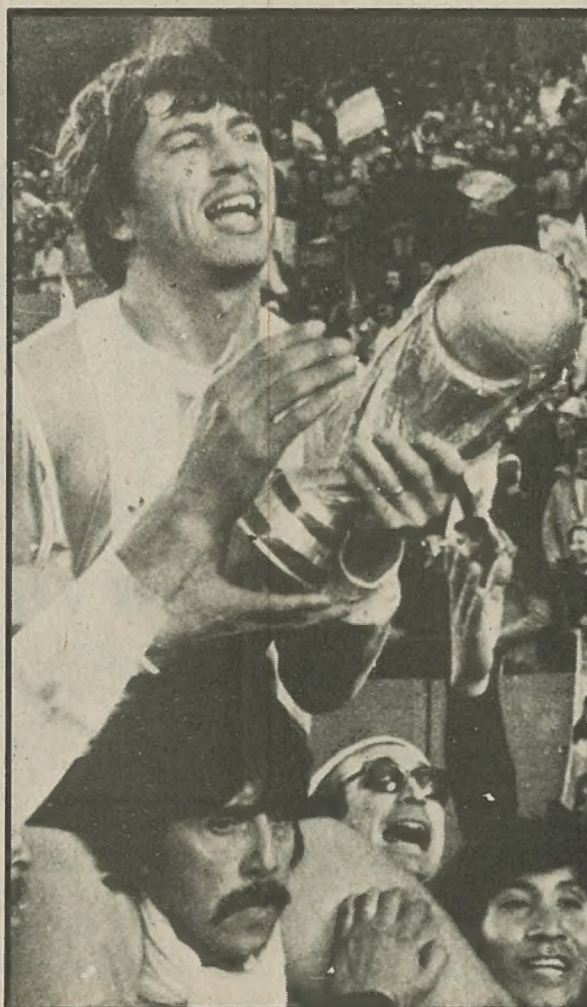
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F.A. Cup-winning captain MICK MILLS

OUT FOR REVENGE

Mick Mills shakes hands with Barcelona's Johan Cruyff before last term's clash.



IPSWICH go into the European Cup-Winners' Cup for the first time next season with skipper Mick Mills confident of success.

He says: "As far as prestige is concerned this is the second biggest European competition, but really it is the weaker of the three with the standard not quite as high as in the European Cup or U.E.F.A. Cup.

"Next to the League Championship I'd love to lead the side to success in Europe and I think we must have a great chance because of our experience."

Mills points to the fact Ipswich have claimed some impressive U.E.F.A. Cup scalps in recent years, among them Real Madrid, Lazio, Feyenoord and FC Twente.

And he hopes the Cup-Winners' Cup will give him the chance of revenge over Barcelona who eliminated Town from the U.E.F.A. Cup last term after a penalty decider in Spain.

"We would have no fears about meeting them again," says Mick, "because we really should have beaten them last term and I doubt if they could be that fortunate again.

"It was 3-0 at Portman Road and with luck it could have been more. Roger Osborne did a great marking job on Johan Cruyff and we went over there for the second game confident of getting into the last eight of the competition.

"But we were on the wrong end of some strange refereeing decisions, Cruyff turned on the class, Barcelona equalised two minutes from the end with a doubtful penalty and we blew it in the penalty decider.

"The lads were really sick and I know they'd love another crack at the

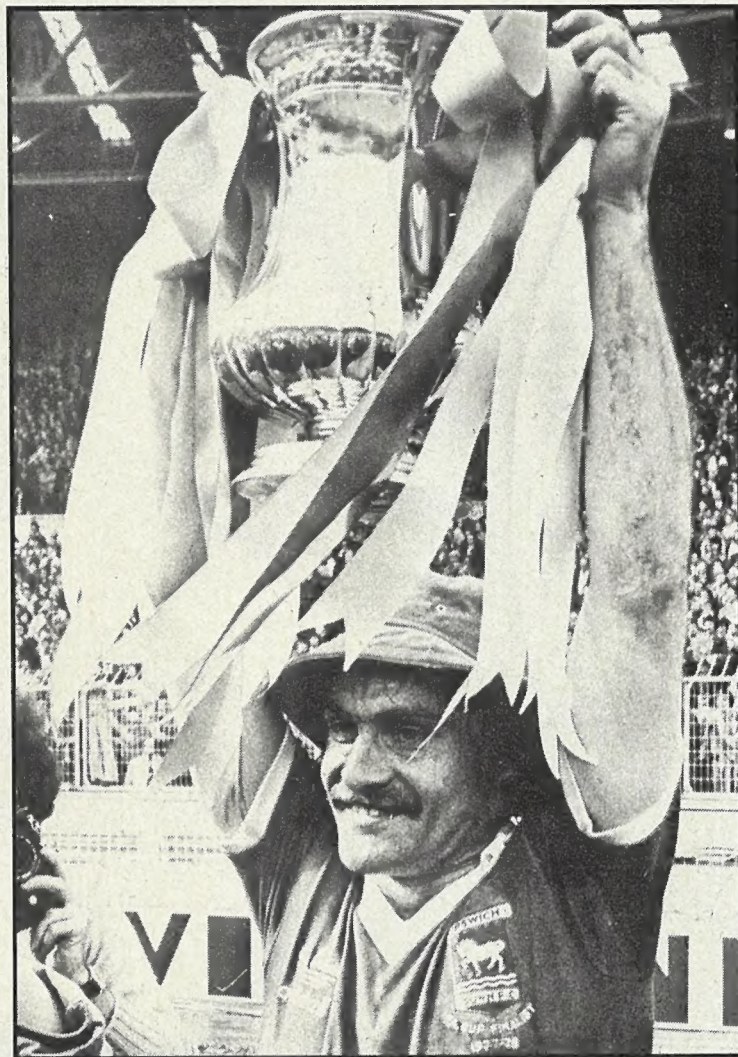
Spaniards. Now Cruyff has retired I doubt if Barcelona will be as good as they were."

Their F.A. Cup win will have established Ipswich on the world soccer map, however, and foreign opponents may just treat them with that little more respect as a result.

"I agree," says Mick, "but I think we were quite well-known in Europe even before that Wembley victory. People tend to forget our consistency in this country has taken us into the U.E.F.A. Cup four times in the last five years.

"That's a pretty good record by any standards, and although we've only reached the Quarter-Finals stage once I still think we can be proud of our record. And that's why I'm confident we can do well again next season, maybe even go all the way to the Final.

"Like all Cup competitions the luck



of the draw is all-important. If we can get past the first two stages and into the last eight I'd really fancy our chances because it would be towards the end of the season that we'd be playing and we're strong finishers."

As a member of the current England squad — he has won 19 caps to date — Mick has played his part in resurrecting the game in this country at international level and after watching the World Cup on television he is confident of the future.

"A talented England side is good for the game in general," he says,

"and if we carry on as we are doing there is a bright future ahead.

"I feel sure Ipswich can do well in Europe. And I also expect Nottingham Forest, Liverpool, Manchester City, Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion to fly the English flag next season. I've got a hunch the English club sides could enjoy more success in Europe next season than for a very long time.

"And when you consider Liverpool have won the European Cup for the past two years that's saying something!"

Action from the Portman Road game v Barcelona which Ipswich won 3-0.



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WEIGHT: 13st 4lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes to Glenda
CHILDREN: One boy, Karl
CAR: Cortina 1600 XL
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ipswich
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All players
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: F.A. Youth Cup Final 1969-70
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the above Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not breaking into top class football earlier
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy
FAVOURITE FOOD: My Sunday roast
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Visiting foreign countries. Playing with my son and seeing him smile
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Driving in heavy traffic. Cold weather and hard grounds
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Morecambe and Wise, Two Ronnies and Tomorrow's World
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Marvin Gaye, Neil Diamond, Diana Ross and Shirley Bassey
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Peter Sellers, Barbra Streisand and anyone connected with Walt Disney films
BEST FRIEND: My wife
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Bill Nicholson and Pat Welton
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Playing badly and losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be healthy and happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a League Championship medal
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A P.E. teacher
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Prince Philip



Barry Daines

SHOOT!